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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its annual sessions, in Harrisburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one. The sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-first, and continued until the evening of the twenty-sixth day of the month inclusive, adjourning at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Salem Church of Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 21, A. D., 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, in accordance with the appointments made at the last annual meeting. The opening sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. T. O. Stem, from St. John, 8:12—"I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order, and formally opened with prayer. The Synodical roll of delegates, made from the certified lists forwarded to the Stated Clerk from the several Classes, was called, from which it was ascertained that a quorum was present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.

Ministers: Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,[d] T. O. Stem, Wilson F. More, H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,[3] and Thos. A. Huber.[f].

Elders: M. L. Cortright,[3-d] M. J. Riegel, Isaac Levan[f] and John Semmel.[3-f]

II.—From the Classis of Lebanon.

Ministers: Thos. C. Leinbach, Wm. J. Kershner, David E. Klopp, D. D., and Jon. E. Heister, D. D.

Elders: Geo. D. Fahrenbach and J. L. J. Stoudt.

III.—From the Classis of Philadelphia.

Ministers: Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Francis C. Yost, Henry T. Spangler, Rufus C. Zartman, E. Clark Hibschman[2] and Jerome B. Henry.

Elders: Jno. W. Bickel, Hiram C. Hoover, Andrew J. Baker, Isaiah C. Gerhart[1] and A. D. Simpson.

IV.—From the Classis of Lancaster.

Ministers: Em'l V. Gerhart, D. D., John M. Souder,[f] Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., Jno. F. Moyer and Jno. Phil Stein.

Elders: Isaac Lefevre, Henry T. Shirk, George W. Hensel[1] and Jacob Rudy.

V.—From the Classis of East Susquehanna.

Ministers: J. Calvin Leinbach, Christian H. Mutchler, Geo. B. Dechant.

Elders: D. B. Fetterolf,[f] H. H. Conrad and C. C. Leader.

VI.—From the Classis of West Susquehanna.

Ministers: Wm. A. Haas, Sam'l H. Eisenberg and Geo. W. Gerhard.[3]

Elders: C. M. Bower, Isaac F. Brown and Jos. Negley.

VII.—From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Ministers: James L. Roush[2] and C. S. Wieand.

Elder: Henry H. Oberholtzer.[3]

VIII. From the Classis of Tohickon.

Ministers: Levi C. Sheip, Jacob Kehm and B. B. Ferer.

Elders: M. D. Althouse, Tobias Scholl and Wm. B. Fluck.[3]

IX.—From the Classis of Lehigh.

Ministers: Thos. J. Hacker, F. B. Hahn,[f] J. Alvin Reber, M. H. Dieffenderfer and Geo. W. Richards.

Elders: R. H. Kramm, A. W. Delong[2-e] and Henry Knauss.

X.—From the Classis of Schuylkill.

Ministers: H. Y. Stoner, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Jas. I. Good, D. D.,[2] Rufus W. Miller.[2-f]

Elders: Daniel Miller,[3-f] W. Van Reed[f] and P. A. Roth.[f]

XI.—From the Classis of Wyoming.

Ministers: Daniel E. Schoedler,[f] D. W. Ebbert[2] and George S. Sorber.

Elders: Daniel Clinger[1] and Alem Mauser.

The figures at the end of a name indicates the session at which the delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat. The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. C. W. Levan occupied during the first two sessions of Synod the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D. Rev. Geo. H. Johnston occupied during the third and fourth sessions, the seat afterwards occupied by Dr. Geo. W. Williard.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod to wit:

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. Gustave A. Schwedes.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. Thos. A. Yundt, J. A. Wickert.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Jas. B. May and Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. I. E. Graeff, D. D., E. N. Kremer, J. S. Hartman, Jno. M. Titzel, D. D., Geo. M. Zacharias, M. H. Sangree, J. W. Meminger, A. C. Whitmer, J. P. Moore, D. W. Gerhard, Stephen Sweitzer, Jno. S. Stahr, D. D., J. H. Pannebecker, S. M. Roeder and Elder Kelker.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. S. P. Brown, Tilghman Derr, C. B. Schneder and C. W. E. Seigle.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Rev. Jno. F. De Long.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. Ernest Clapp and C. Z. Weiser, D. D.

Tohickon Classis.—Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Lehigh Classis.—Rev. Thos. N. Reber.

Wyoming Classis.—Rev. E. D. Miller.

SYNOD OF POTOMAC.

Revs. Sam'l N. Callender, D. D., C. U. Heilman, S. C. Stover, C. B. Heller, W. I. Stewart, C. Cort, Lewis Reiter, T. R. Dietz,

C. Clever, Wm. H. Groh, A. R. Kremer, D. D., J. David Miller, Thos. J. Barkley, Jno. C. Bowman and Jacob O. Miller, D. D.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—Rev. S. S. Miller.

SYNOD OF OHIO.—Rev. A. Gonser.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced during the sessions of Synod:

Lutheran Church, Revs. S. Crouse, S. Dasher.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. S. C. Swallow, D. D., Chas. A. Evans.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. C. Montgomery, Rev. Robert Cochran.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected to the offices of Synod for the ensuing Synodical year, viz:

Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D:, President, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Jno. Philip Stein, Stated Clerk, Millersville, Pa.

Rev. Wilson F. More, Corresponding Secretary, Catasauqua, Pa.

Rev. John F. Moyer, Treasurer, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order were dispensed with. The President defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first ten pews from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, namely: The daily session to open at 9 A. M. and close at 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, viz:

I. *On Minutes of Synod.*—Revs. Wm. A. Haas, F. B. Hahn, J. B. Henry and Elders D. Fahrenbach and P. A. Roth.

II. *On Overtures.*—Revs. David E. Klopp, D. D., C. W. Levan, C. H. Mutchler and Elders Jacob Rudy and D. B. Fetterolf.

III. *On Religious Services.*—Revs. E. N. Kremer, I. E. Graeff, D. D., J. Stewart Hartman, and Elders Isaiah C. Gerhart and Wm. B. Fluck.

IV. *On Minutes of Classes.*—Revs. Henry T. Spangler, J. Calvin Leinbach, Jno. M. Souder, and Elders H. C. Hoover and Isaac Levan.

V. *On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.*—Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., George W. Wlliiard, D. D., J. Calvin Leinbach, and Elders H. C. Hoover and Isaac Levan.

VI. *On Religion and Morals.*—Revs. Joseph H, Dubbs, D. D., John F. Moyer, George B. Dechant, and Elders John W. Bickel and M. D. Althouse.

VII. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. Jon. E. Heister, D. D., George W. Richards, Jacob Kehm, and Elders George W. Hensel and C. C. Leader.

VIII. *On Missions.*—Revs. Em'l V. Gerhart, D. D., D. E. Schoedler, Geo. S. Sorber, and Elders Isaac Lefevre and A. D. Simpson.

IX. *On Finance.*—Revs. H. Y. Stoner, B. B. Ferer, Samuel H. Eisenberg, and Elders Joseph Negley and Henry Knausse.

X. *On Nominations.*—Revs. Thomas J. Hacker, T. O. Stem, F. C. Yost, and Elders M. J. Riegel and A. J. Baker.

XI. *On Publication.*—Revs. Wilson F. More, C. S. Wieand, John P. Stein, and Elders C. M. Bower and Tobias Schall.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion, and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on these subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, also the Annual Report of the Board of Education, were received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

4. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions,—also the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publications.

6. Numerous other documents were received and placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod of Reading were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items as properly claim consideration at the present sessions of Synod. On Thursday afternoon the Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to present the following report for your consideration:

Item 1, page 39. A committee of three was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Potomac Synod in reference to the rights of said Synod in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 2, page 40. The officers of Synod were instructed to tender a call to Rev. John C. Bowman, to the chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and to take part in the services of his induction into office.

Item 3, page 44. A committee of three was appointed with instructions to take immediate steps in conjunction with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, to raise money for a Theological Seminary building at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 4. page 68. A Committee was appointed to hasten the unifications of our Home Missions.

Item 5, page 82. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,300 copies of the minutes of Synod published in the English language.

Item 6, page 88. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 10,000 copies of the report on Ministerial Support, published in pamphlet form, in the English, and 5,000 copies in the German language—and have them distributed through the Stated Clerks of the several Classes.

Your Committee found nothing in the minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod, claiming any action on the part of this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HAAS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XX, Church Government; on items 2 and 3, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; item 4, see Article XIV, Missions; on items 5 and 6, see Article XIX, Publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received, and acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination to wit:

Item 1. A letter from Rev. Jno. A. Peters, D. D., of Tiffin, Ohio, tendering his resignation, as a member of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 2. A letter from General Synod's Mission Board noting the delinquency of this Synod in paying its apportionment for Harbor Missions.

Item 3. A communication from the officers of General Synod's Mission Board requesting Synod to assume its proportion of the $1,800 required during the present year, to carry on the Mission work among the Hungarians in this country.

Item 4. A statement concerning the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 5. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod containing its

nominations for the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod with certain statements having reference to its Educational Policy.

Item 7. A request from the Stated Clerk of Synod that the Ministerial roll on the table of statistics be made to correspond with the Classical proceedings to the end of the Synodical year.

Item 8. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College containing the nominees for election on the aforesaid Board.

Item 9. The reception of Catalogues from Ursinus, Allentown and Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 10. A copy of "College Chapel Sermons" and a copy of "The Young Prophetess" presented by Reformed Church Publication House.

Item 11. A letter containing the nominations of Potomac Synod for the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 12. The report of the Special Committee on the Endowment of a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary.

Item 13. The report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

Item 14. A report from Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 15. An overture from the Potomac Synod concerning the unification of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

For the action of the Synod on items 1, 2, 3 and 15, see Article XIV, Missions; on 4, 8, 9, 10 and 14, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on 5, 11 and 12, see article XIII, Theological Seminary; on 6 and 7, see Article XX, Church Government; and on 13 see Article XV, Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported the following appointments which were received and adopted, namely:

Thursday. Oct. 22, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of Home Missions, Rev. Dr. Gerhart to preside.

1st Address—Home Missions, as related to the prosperity and growth of the Church, Rev. T. C. Porter, D. D.

2. Address—Increased activity in Home Missions is demanded in behalf of a purer and better national life, Rev. S. H. Eisenberg.

3. Address—The necessity of Home Mission work in populous centres, Rev. J. I. Good, D. D.

4. Address—Home Missions. Its conflicts and triumphs, Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Friday. Oct. 13, 7:30 P. M. We have made no appointment for this evening so that the Church can be used by the Synodical Women's Missionary Society for the purpose of a public meeting, and that Synod may be able to attend the above service.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 P. M. Service preparatory to Holy Communion. Altar service, Rev. J. F. Moyer. Sermon, Rev. L. C. Sheip.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Minister's Widows, and of Education, Rev. S. H. Eisenberg to preside.

1. Address—The Society for the relief etc, Rev. H. T. Spangler.

2. Address—The Educational work of the Reformed Church, Rev. Dr. Stahr.

3. Address—Addresses of five minutes each by members of Synod.

Sunday, 10 A. M. Holy Communion. Communion address, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D. Altar Services to be conducted by himself, assisted by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

Sunday School, 2 P. M. Primary Department, addresses by Elder P. A. Roth and Rev. R. W. Miller.

Sunday School, 2 P. M. Secondary Department, addresses by Revs. R. C. Zartman and D. E. Schoedler.

Prayer meeting, 6:30 P. M. Address, Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D. 7:30 P. M. service in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. Dr. Callender to preside. Addresses by Rev. Dr. Callender and Rev. J. P. Moore.

Second Reformed Church—10:30 A. M., sermon by Rev. J. P. Stein. Sunday School addresses by Elder C. M. Bower and members of Synod.

Zwingli Reformed Church—10:30 A. M., sermon by Rev. C. S. Wieand. 7:30 P. M., sermon by Rev. John P. Stein. Sunday School addresses by members of Synod.

First Reformed Church, Steelton—Saturday 7:30 P. M., preparatory service, Rev. R. W. Miller. Sunday, 10:30, A. M., Rev. Lewis Reiter. Sunday, 7:30, P. M., Rev. J. L. Rousch.

Memorial Lutheran Church—A. M., Rev. F. B. Hahn. P. M., Rev. E. C. Hibschman.

Christ's Lutheran Church—A. M., Rev. W. F. More. P. M., Rev. R. C. Zartman.

Zion's Lutheran Church—A. M., Rev. D. E. Schoedler. P. M., Rev. J. C. Leinbach.

Bethel Church—A. M., Rev. G. B. Dechant.

Baptist Church—A. M.. Rev. F. C. Yost. P. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. T. O. Stem. P. M., Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

Market Square Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D. P. M., Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

Elder Street Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. J. L. Rousch. P. M., Rev. J. M. Souder.

Olivet Presbyterian Church—P. M., Rev. C. S. Wieand.

Covenant Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Westminster Presbyterian Church—P. M., Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer.

Trinity Evangelical Church—A. M., Rev. R. W. Miller. P. M., Rev. C. B. Heller.

Thirteenth Street M. E. Church—A. M., Rev. R. C. Zartman.

Ridge Avenue M. E. Church—A. M., Rev. George S. Sorber. P. M., Rev. D. F. Klopp, D. D.

St. Paul's M. E. Church—A. M., Rev. L. C. Sheip. P. M., Rev. C. H. Mutschler.

Fourth Street Church of God—A. M., Rev. G. W. Gerhard. P. M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Otterheim U. B. Church—A. M., Rev. J. A. Reber.

County Prison—A. M., Rev. H. Y. Stoner.

State Lunatic Hospital—A. M., Rev. W. A. Haas.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. KREMER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday during the afternoon, which was received, disposed of at intervals, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classes beg leave to report as follows:

Irregularities.

1. West Susquehanna Classis does not record action taken in response to request of a minister to engage in secular occupation until his health is restored, p. 6.

2. Goshenhoppen Classis has mistakes in addition in its statistical table.

3. Schuylkill Classis fails to give the name of the church in which its next annual meeting is to be held, p. 40.

4. Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster and West Susquehanna Classes do not give the total number of ministers and charges.

5. Philadelphia Classis approved of the ordination and installation of a Licentiate by ministers, not members of the Committee, appointed for the purpose, pp. 76, 77.

Requests.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis overtures Synod to overture General Synod, to take action bearing on the evil of pastors, residing without the bounds of their charges, p. 60.

2. The same Classis petitions Synod to overture General Synod to add a column to the statistical table, wherein to record the deaths of unconfirmed members, p. 64.

3. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to excuse it from accepting apportionment for Home Missions and Church Extension, under the Bi-Synodic Board, pp. 25, 28, 29.

4. Wyoming Classis makes the same request, p. 77.

5. Wyoming Classis requests Synod to further the plan of Unification of Mission already submitted to it by the Board of Home Missions, p. 77.

6. Wyoming Classis requests Synod to correct its record of an alleged irregularity on p. 15, Minutes of Synod, p. 69.

Appeals.

Rev. C. H. Mutschler, of East Susquehanna Classis, appeals from the action of Classis in the matter of fixing the boundary between the Sunbury and Augusta charges, p. 32.

Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them, with the following exceptions:

1. Lebanon Classis declined to accede to Synod's request to assume deficiency on Harbor Missions, p. 9.

2. Philadelphia Classis decided to pay funds for Hungarian Missions direct to Treasurer of General Synod's Board, and declines to accept apportionment for Harbor Missions, p. 29.

3. Wyoming Classis reiterates its action in regard to its $13 arrearage to Wichita University, p. 69.

4. Wyoming Classis reiterates its action of last year to discontinue the apportionment for Teacher of Elocution, p. 98.

Subjects Referred by General Synod.

1. "The Reformed Church Hymnal" has been approved by all the Classes, viz: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming.

2. East Susquehanna Classis approves the action of General Synod on the subject of Federal Union, p. 33.

Licensure, Ordination, Etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis ordained, Lic. Albert Lobach; dismissed, Lic. U. O. Silvius to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; Rev. J. J. Stauffer to East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Geo. W. Remagen to Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior; received Rev. Robert C. Weaver from Tohickon Classis, Rev. Geo. J. Lisberger from East Susquehanna Classis, Lic. Morgan A. Peters from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, Lic. W. H. Wotring from Lehigh Classis; erased the name of Rev. Russell N. Koplin from its roll, and revoked the licensure of Charles B. Stover.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Isaac C. Fisher; received Rev. J. V. George from Lancaster Classis; dismissed Lic. I. C. Fisher, and Rev. H. Hilbish, and Rev. J. B. May to the Classis of Phila-

delphia, Rev. G. B. Resser to the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac; Rev. Wm. C. Shaeffer, Ph. D. to Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Wm. H. Stubblebine, Henry Tesnow and O. H. E. Rauch; ordained, Lic. J. Lewis Fluck, Lic. C. U. O. Derr, Lic. I. C. Fisher, and Lic. Wm. H. Stubblebine; received Rev. Rufus C. Zortman from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. LL. D., from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. H. Hilbish, Rev. J. B. May, Lic. I. C. Fisher from Lebanon Classis, Lic. J. Lewis Fluck from Tohickon Classis, Lic. Calvin U. Derr from the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; dismissed Rev. E. D. Wettach to Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. James I. Good to Schuylkill Classis, Lic. James W. Bell to Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Lic. Ernest Clapp to Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. David P. Lefever to North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

4. Lancaster Classis received and ordained Lic. Daniel W. Albright from Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Lucian J. Mayer from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. J. V. George to Lebanon Classis, Rev. George W. Snyder to the Classis of Maryland, Synod of Potomac.

5. East Pennsylvania Clasis received and ordained Lic. Raymond E. Butz, from Lehigh Classis, Rev. Chas. B. Schneder from Schuylkill Classis, Rev. J. J. Stauffer from East Pennsylvania Classis; dismissed Rev. H. M. Souder to St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. George J. Lisberger to East Pennsylvania Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis received and ordained Lic. I. W. Hendricks from Goshenhoppen Classis; dismissed Rev. O. D. Shoemaker to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Albert S. Bromer; ordained Lic. Ernest Clapp, Lic. H. A. I. Benner; received Lic. Ernest Clapp from Classis of Philadelphia, and Lic. H. A. I. Benner from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Lic. I. W. Hendricks to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. G. P. Fisher to Somerset Classis, Synod of Ohio, Lic. Albert S. Bromer to Wyoming Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed J. Lewis Fluck; dismissed Rev. R. C. Weaver to the East Pennsylvania Classis, Lic. J. Lewis

Fluck to Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Jas. R. Lewis to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed David Scheirer, Jr., Wallace H. Wotring, H. A. I. Benner, W. J. Muir, Geo. P. Stem; dismissed Lic. David Scheirer, Jr., to Schuylkill Classis, Lic. G. P. Stem to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, Lic. R. E. Butz to East Susquehanna Classis, Lic. W. H. Wotring to East Pennsylvania Classis, Lic. H. A. I. Benner to Goshenhoppen Classes, Lic. W. J. Muir to Schuylkill Classis.

10. Schuylkill Classis ordained Lic. David Scheirer, Jr, Lic. W. J. Muir, Lic. Stanley L. Krebs; received David Scheirer, Jr.. from Lehigh Classis, Lic. W. J. Muir from the same Classis, Lic. Stanley L. Krebs from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. R. O'Boyle from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. W. D. Donat to Wyoming Classis, Rev. W. H. Shepp to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

11. Wyoming Classis ordained Lic. A. S. Bromer; received Lic. A. S. Bromer from Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. W. D. Donat from Schuylkill Classis, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church, Catasauqua, Lehigh county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, A. D., 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. S. P. Mauger, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa , on Tuesday preceeding Ascension Day, May 24th, 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, *President;* Rev. J. E. Heister, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa., on the third Tuesday in May, 16th, 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. James Crawford, D. D., *President;* Rev. John H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in Salem (Heller's) Reformed Church of the Willow Street charge, Lancaster county, Pa., on Thursday evening after Whit Sunday, June 9, 1892, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., *President;* Rev. Darius W. Gerhart, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in First Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa., on Whit Monday evening, June 6, 1892, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. R. Hottenstein, *President;* Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. Luke's Reformed Church, Lock Haven, Pa., on the third Wednesday in May, 16th, 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. John Dotterer, *President;* Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Schwenksville, Montgomery county, Pa , on Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 25, A. D., 1892, at 2. P. M. Rev. J. L. Roush, *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church, South Easton, Northampton county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 27th, 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. B. Koplin, D. D., *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in Solomon's Reformed and Lutheran Church, at Macungie, Lehigh county, Pa., on Whit Monday, June 6th, A. D., 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. B. Hahn, *President;* Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, *Stated Clerk.*

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., on the first Tuesday after Whit-Sunday, 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., *President;* Rev. George B. Walbert, *Stated Clerk.*

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Christ Church, Fayette, Seneca county, New York, on Wednesday after Whit-Sunday, A. D., 1892, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. George S. Sorber, *President;* Rev D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

All the items under the head of Irregularities were adopted. For additional action on item 5, see Article XVI, Appeals and References. Under the head of Requests, for action on item 1, see Article XX, Church Government. On items 2 and 6, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on items 3, 4, 5, see Article XIV, Missions. For the action of Synod on the item under Appeals see Article XVI, Appeals. On the items 1, 2, 3, under the head of

Subjects Referred, see Article XV, Finance; on item 4, see Article XVI, Reference and Appeals. The items 1 and 2, under the head of subjects referred by General Synod, were adopted. All the items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission, also those under the head of Time and Place for the next annual meetings of Classis were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the followiug report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination begs leave to report that no applicants appeared for examination, and that no other matters were referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In reading the reports of the several Classes we are more than ever impressed with the fact that we of the Reformed Church enjoy a goodly heritage. From every direction there come expressions of profound gratitude. Once more our fields have borne an abundant harvest and the patient toilers have looked up and taken courage. There is no pestilence within our borders and the land rejoices in peace and plenty. But this is not all. In the words of an old divine: "God's blessings never come alone. You think you have but a single blessing, and, behold! there is a whole troop of them." It is not, we think, a mere coincidence, nor yet acquiescence in traditional form, that has influenced every Classis within the bounds of this Synod to report that it has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. They record no grand epochs in the history of grace—they relate no wonderful incidents in the lives of individual Christians; but one and all

breathe thanksgiving for a general condition of quiet advancement. The blessing has come like dew upon Israel and he has blossomed like the rose.

That the work of the ministry should be universally appreciated is not to be expected; and that it has met with many discouragements is, of course, painfully apparent. The greater difficulty which the church is, in many regions, compelled to meet is not easily characterized, because it is silent and insidious. It consists in a certain lack of interest on the part of the community in those themes which concern the highest interests of man; and it must be confessed that this coldness is often felt in the church, and prevents some of its most intelligent members from exerting the influence for good which they might easily command. The church has at present but rarely to contend with the coarse infidelity of former ages; but the danger is not less serious because it is more refined. It pretends to ally itself with modern science, and would destroy the church by depriving her of her supernatural character and divine prerogatives.

In decided opposition to these insidious forms of unbelief the church has continued to declare her divine mission. She speaks with authority because to Him who uttered her commission is given all power in Heaven and in earth. It is on this ground that we rejoice to be informed, as in former years, that in all the Classes the Gospel has been preached and the sacraments regularly administered. The ancient symbol of the church, the Heidelberg Catechism, is universally honored, and our pastors agree in recognizing its superior excellence as a means of instruction in our Christian faith, especially as a preparation for Confirmation and the Holy Communion.

Among the signs of prosperity the Classes report that a large number of new churches has been built, and probably a still larger number of old churches repaired and beautified. Large sections of the Church have indeed been blessed with a growing spirit of liberality, and general, no less than local, interests have participated in its bounty. Vastly more could and should have been done; but we are glad to chronicle the fact that, according to the reports placed in our hands, the Church is moving in the right direction. Much of this improvement is ascribed to the Missionary Societies and especially to the Woman's Missionary Societies, whose earnest

and self-denying labors have been so greatly blessed. True liberality flows freely from a heart that is full of love to Christ, and He will surely reward those who pour forth the precious ointment of Christian beneficence upon His head and feet.

Another sign of spiritual growth and advancement is the increased number of candidates for the ministry which is reported from every section of the Church. This fact may also be discerned from the unusually large attendance at our literary institutions, and especially from the fact that the number of students in the Theological Seminary under the control of this Synod is much greater than at any previous period in its history. There is no calling on earth so grand, so glorious, as that of preaching the Gospel; and it is a comfort when we reflect that many of us are passing away and that all are growing older, to be assured that there will be others to take our place, to bear onward the Banner of the Cross to new triumphs and glorious victories.

The names of ten ministers, members of this Synod, are herein mentioned, who have entered upon their eternal reward. Four of these ten died during the previous Synodical year, but their names were not included in last year's report. They are the Rev. Philip P. A. Hoffman, of Goshenhoppen Classis; the Rev. Daniel Feete, the Rev. Dr. J. A. Bomberger, and the Rev. Leighton G. Kremer, all of Philadelphia Classis. The remaining six who died during the Synodical year that has just come to a close, are Rev. E. W. Reinecke, D. D., Rev. Martin A. Smith and Rev. Jno. J. Christ, all of East Pennsylvania Classis; Rev. Daniel C. Tobias, of Lancaster Classis; Rev. Joshua H. Derr, of East Susquehanna Classis; and Rev. Abraham Romich, of Philadelphia Classis. These brethren were faithful in their work, and died in the faith which they professed and preached. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. H. Dubbs, *Chairman.*

NECROLOGY.

In memory to the departed brethern, whose names are mentioned in the Report on the State of Religion, the following brief record of their faithful labors in the gospel Ministry was prepared by the undersigned, read during the Sessions of Synod, and by its instruction, incorporated in its published Minutes.

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

REV. P. P. A. HOFFMAN, died June, 28th, 1890.

P. P. A. Hoffman, son of Paul and Catharine Hoffman, was born March 25th, 1836, at Cherryville, Northampton Co., Pa. He was baptized and confirmed by the late Dr. J. C. Becker. In his youth he attended the State Normal School, at Millersville, and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa. He was graduated at the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, in 1861. In the same year he was licensed and ordained by Goshenhoppen Classis to preach the gospel. During his Ministry he served, at different times, the following congregations in Berks Co., Pa., namely: Lobachsville, Friedensburg, Hubers, Oley, Shoemakersville, Belleman and the Hill congregation. Lobachsville congregation he served twenty-five years, and the Hill congregation from the beginning to the end of his Ministry. He died June 28th, 1890, at the age of fifty-four years, three months and three days. The funeral services were held July 2d, in St. Paul Reformed Church, Reading, and his remains were interred in Charles Evans Cemetery.

REV. DANIEL FEETE, died August 2d, 1890.

Daniel Feete was born in Frederick County, Md., in the year 1812. He pursued his education at the High School and Theological Seminary, under the control of the Reformed Church, located at York, Pa. In 1838 he was ordained to the gospel Ministry and served his first charge in Taneytown, Md. In 1841 he removed to Virginia and became the pastor of the Mt. Crawford Charge.

In 1842 he became the assistant to Rev. John Brown, living at Bridgewater, Rockingham Co., Va., serving with the regular pastor the Friedens, St. Michael, Salem and Picket Mountain congregations, in which relation he continued to labor for eight years. In 1850 he was called the second time to the pastorate of the Mt. Crawford Charge. In 1856 he changed his relations, and be-

came pastor at Woodstock, Va. Being uncomfortably situated in this charge, during the civil war, and being of strong Union proclivities, he resigned his charge in 1860, and removed with his family to Chambersburg, Pa. As a loyal patriot from a Southern State, he devoted several years in delivering lectures in Pennsylvania and throughout the New England States. In 1870 he aided in the organization of Trinity Reformed Church, at Norristown, Pa., and became its first pastor. In 1874 he retired from the active duties of the Ministry—and only preached occasionally, when called upon by his Brethern to supply neighboring congregations. While supplying the pulpit in Boehm's Church, he was stricken with paralysis, and after a brief illness, died August 2d, 1890, at Norristown, Pa., in the 78th year of his age. On August 7th the funeral services took place at Trinity Church, and his earthly remains were interred in Montgomery Cemetery.

REV. J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D. D. LL. D., died August 19, 1890.

J. H. A. Bomberger, the son of Geo. H. and Mary H. Bomberger, was born January 13th, 1817, in Lancaster, Pa. On the 2d of January, 1832, he entered the High School of the Reformed Church at York, Pa. He was graduated in 1837 in Marshall College, at Mercersburg, Pa., and subsequently pursued his theological studies under the direction of Dr. F. A. Rauch, in the Theological Seminary. During the last two years of his course, he was tutor in the Preparatory Department of Marshall College. He was licensed in 1838 by the Synod at Lancaster, Pa., and ordained, December 27th, 1838, as pastor of the Reformed Church at Lewistown, on the Juniata. In July, 1840, he accepted a call to the Waynesboro Charge, consisting of four congregations, namely: Waynesboro and Salem in Pennsylvania, and Cavetown and Leitersburg in Maryland. In 1845 he accepted the call as English pastor of the Reformed congregation at Easton, Pa., where he was associated with Rev. Thos. Pomp, who was the German pastor in the same congregation. In August, 1854, he accepted the call to the First Reformed Church on Race Street, below 4th Street, in Philadelphia, and continued pastor until 1869, when he was called to the Presidency of Ursinus College, located at Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa. In connection with his duties as President of this institution, he also served as first pastor of St. Luke Reformed Church, at the Trappe until 1883. After serving faith-

fully for fifty-two years, in the gospel Ministery and in a literary institution for the interest of the Reformed Church, he closed his earthly career August 19th, 1890, at the age of seventy-three years, seven months and six days. His funeral services were held August 23d, 1890, in Trinity Reformed Church, at Collegeville, Pa., and his earthly remains were buried in a lot in the Church Cemetery, where repose the remains of all the deceased members of his family.

REV. LEIGHTON G. KREMER, died August 25th, 1890.

Leighton G. Kremer, son of Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., was born in Chambersburg, Pa. He pursued his literary course at Ursinus College and was graduated in 1875 at that institution. He subsequently attended the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he prosecuted his theological studies for two years. He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1877 by Lebanon Classis, and entered the Ministry as an assistant to his father—then pastor of the First Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa. In 1878 he accepted a call to Christ Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., where he labored with much acceptance until 1887, when he became pastor of E. Vincent and Spring City congregations, within the bounds of Philadelphia Classis. In the prime of his manhood, when a bright future seemed yet to be before him, after a short and painful illness, he passed away, August 25th, 1890, at Spring City, Pa., in the 38th year of his age. His remains, after appropriate service at the parsonage, were conveyed Thursday, August 28th, 1890, to Shepherdstown, W. Va., where a service was held in the Reformed Church, on the same day, at 5 P. M, and the body interred in the adjoining cemetery.

REV. JOHN JACOB CRIST, died Dec. 16th, 1890.

Jno. Jacob Crist, the son of Jacob and Catherine Crist, was born December 11th, 1845, in Berks Co., Pa. His education was partially obtained at the State Normal Schools, located at Kutztown, and Bloomsburg, Pa , after which he devoted several years of his life to the profession of teaching. He entered the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, in 1873, and after completing a course of three years was graduated May 9th, 1876. On the 26th of May, in the same year, he was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis, in session at Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa., to

preach the gospel. On the 29th of May, 1877, he was elected pastor of Salem Reformed Church, at Catasauqua, Pa., faithfully serving this flock for nine years. On account of increasing physical infirmities, he resigned the charge in the month of June, 1886. During the latter years of his life he was unable to perform the duties of the Ministry. He died December 16th, 1890, aged forty-five years and four days. The funeral services were held in Salem Reformed Church, Catasauqua, Pa. His mortal remains are quietly resting in Miller's Church Cemetery.

REV. DANIEL CLINTON TOBIAS, died Jan. 12th, 1891.

Daniel C. Tobias was born November 7th, 1842, in Berks Co., Pa., of Reformed parentage. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. A. L. Herman, in Epler Reformed Church. After receiving a common school education, he pursued a course of private instruction, and subsequently entered the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, in the fall of 1867. After completing a course of three years, he was graduated from that institution in the Spring of 1870. He was licensed in the same year by Lebanon Classis to preach the gospel, and on the 9th of October he was ordained and installed by Lancaster Classis, as pastor of Bethany Charge, consisting of White Oak, Bethany, Brickersville, and the New Haven congregations. After faithfully laboring twenty years in this, his first and only charge, he took suddenly ill, and closed his mortal career January 12th, 1891, greatly beloved by the members of his charge, at the age of forty-eight years, two months and five days. His earthly remains were interred January 15th, 1891, in the Moravian Cemetery, at Lititz, Pa., where now, in peaceful repose, he sleeps the sleep of the Just.

REV. MARTIN ALBERT SMITH, died March 13th, 1891.

Martin A. Smith, a son of Benj. Smith, was born November 22, 1822, near New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa. He was baptized in his infancy and confirmed July 1st, 1843, by Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach, in the Reformed Church, at Loysville, Pa. In the fall of the same year, he entered Marshall College, at Mercersburg, and was graduated in 1847. After taking his course in the Theological Seminary, he was licensed May 4th, 1849, at Sulphur Springs, by Zion Classis to preach the gospel. He was ordained and installed October 10th, 1850, as pastor of Salem Missionary Charge. In

March, 1852, he became pastor of the Aaronsburg Charge, which he served four years and nine months. In 1856 he became pastor of the Hummelstown Charge, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he labored for a period of ten years. He was called to the Dryland Charge, in Northampton Co., in 1866, which he faithfully served for nearly twenty-five years. On January 1, 1891, on account of illness, he resigned this charge. He died March 13th, 1891, at Nazareth, aged sixty-eight years, four months and nine days, and was buried March 17th, 1891, in the cemetery adjoining St. John Reformed Church, Nazareth, Pa., where released from the conflict of the Church militant, he peacefully rests in hope of a blessed resurrection.

REV. JOSHUA H. DERR, died June 21st, 1891.

Joshua H. Derr, son of David and Mary M. Derr, was born December 6th, 1822, in Lower Milford Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was baptised in infancy by Rev. John T. Faber, pastor of Great Swamp Church, and confirmed in his youth in the Paradise Charge by Rev. Daniel Gring. After a course of four years, he was graduated September 8th, 1847, in Marshall College, and in 1850 he completed his Seminary course at Mercersburg, Pa. On the 27th of March, 1850, he was licensed and ordained by Susquehanna Classis, as pastor of the Selinsgrove Charge, which he served for three years. In 1853 he was elected by the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College as rector of the Preparatory Department. In 1855 he became pastor of a charge in the vicinity of Sellersville, Burks Co., Pa., and in 1857 he became the assistant pastor to the venerable Rev. Jos. S. Dubbs, D. D., in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa. In 1859 the congregation was divided and the followers of Rev. Derr were organized in St. John congregation, which he served as pastor until 1863, when the congregation, during the pastorate of Rev. N. S. Strassburger, was reunited with Zion Reformed congregation. In the month of April, 1864, he removed to the State of Ohio, and became pastor of the Wooster Charge; in 1870, pastor of a congregation in Louisville, Starke Co., Ohio, and in October, 1872, pastor of the Bellevue Charge in Huron Co., Ohio. In 1877 he removed with his family to Henry, Marshall Co., Ills., where he was engaged over two years in teaching in Henry Seminary. In 1879 he served two small congregations at Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Ills. In

1880 he returned eastward and became the pastor of the Reformed congregation at Williamsport, Pa. In 1882 he became the pastor of the East Berlin Charge, Adams Co., Pa., and in April, 1886, he became pastor of St. John Reformed Church at Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., which he served until December, 1890. On account of failing health, he retired from the active work of the Ministry, removed to Bellevue, in the State of Ohio, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary M. Dimick, where, after a lingering illness, he fell asleep in Jesus, on the 21st of June, 1891, at the age of sixty-eight years, six months and twelve days. He was buried by the side of his wife, in the cemetery of the Reformed Church, at Bellevue, Ohio.

REV. ERNST WILLIAM REINECKE.

Ernst Wm. Reinecke, a son of Rev. John and Fredericka Reinecke, was born December 9th 1822, at Helmarshausen, Electorate of Hessen, Germany. He was graduated in the Classical Department of Marshall College in 1843, and three years later in the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, where he spent subsequently several years as tutor in that institution. In 1849 he became pastor of the Millersville Charge, and in 1850, the assistant of his father in the Shrewsbury Charge, York Co., Pa. In 1855 he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Reformed Church, in Frederick City, Md., and in 1858 he accepted the call to the Plainfield Charge, which position he held until November, 1890, when he felt constrained by increasing physical infirmities to tender his resignation. He died May 8th, 1891, at the age of sixty-eight years, four months and twenty-nine days. He was buried May 12th, 1891, at the Forks Church, where he is silently awaiting the second advent of his adorable Lord.

REV. ABRAHAM ROMICH, died Sept. 15th, 1891.

Abraham Romich, son of Leonard and Rosina Romich, a born Leinbach, was born September 10th, 1821, in Weisenburg Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., baptized September 17th, 1821, by Rev. Jno. Helfrich, and confirmed in 1837, by Rev. H. Bibighans, of Philadelphia. He was graduated at Marshall College in the class of 1849, and in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., in 1852. In the same year he became pastor of the Jonestown Charge, consisting of three congregations, which he served for a

period of ten years. In 1863 he became deeply interest in the Germans, in the Northern district of Philadelphia, whom he found in a state of spiritual destitution. With an appropriation of $50 from the Mission Board, he began his labors in their midst, which resulted in the organization of St. Stephen's Church, on Corinthian Ave. He served this congregation under the care of the Mission Board of the Eastern Synod, numbering in 1875 no less than 171 members, for a period of twelve years, when the care of the Church was transferred to the German Philadelphia Classis, and subsequently became the possession of the Presbyterians. In 1876 Brother Romich accepted a call to the Beaver Springs Charge, in Snyder Co., Pa., consisting of five congregations. Here he labored faithfully until 1880, when he returned to Philadelphia, and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Bible Society as a Missionary, distributing the word of God among the destitute, giving spiritual comfort and direction to emigrants to the full satisfaction of the Society. For ten years he faithfully sought to do this humble work as a servant of Jesus Christ, in this wider field of Christian activity. He died at his residence in Philadelphia, September 15th, 1891, at the age of seventy years and five days. On September 17th the funeral services were held in the morning at the home of the deceased, and the body was conveyed on the same day to Lebanon Co., Pa., and buried in the cemetery at Kimmerling's Church, in close proximity to the neighborhood, where he first began the work of the Christian Ministry.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Report of the Board of Trustees and Visitors of Theological Seminary.

(*a.*) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN; I herewith enclose the Annual Report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and beg further to state, that the Board of Trustees of the Semi-

nary held three meetings during the year. One on the 22d of January, 1891, in the College building, Lancaster, Pa., at 2 o'clock P. M. Members present: G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel, J. D. Skiles, H. J. Seibert, A. G. Renninger, Geo. G. Heilman, P. C. Wiest, W. B. Barnhart, Geo. L. Freet, P. S. Hay, and W. J. Baer.

In the absence of D. W. Gross, President, who was excused, G. W. Hensel presided. Chas Santee was also excused. Opened with prayer by Thos. G. Apple, D. D. The Vice-President then stated the object of the meeting to be "the location of the Seminary building and other matters connected with the Seminary."

A Committee from the Eastern and Potomac Synods, consisting of Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Samuel A. Leinbach, W. C. Schaffer, D. N. Dittmar, J. A. Hoffheins, and C. J. Musser, was then introduced to the Board, and requested to give their views in regard to the matter under consideration.

After a free interchange of views between the Committee and the Board, the following resolution was offered by J. D. Skiles, and adopted:

That the sense of the Board of Trustees is, that a Seminary building would be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be raised, in accordance with the action of Synod.

On motion, a recess was then taken for the purpose of viewing the grounds around the College building, in view of selecting a proper location.

After recess, the Board convened, and Judge Wm. J. Baer, offered the resolutions following, which were adopted:

1st. That in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the lot of ground in the front of the College building owned by Mr. Griel, is the most desirable plot for the Seminary building.

2d. That in the opinion of the Board, the joint Committee of the Synods, should, if possible, procure an option for the same, for as long a time, and at as low a price, as can be agreed upon.

On motion, Board adjourned.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

The second meeting of the Trustees was held on the 12th of May, in the College building, Lancaster, Pa., at which were present, Geo. W. Hensel, John B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, P. C.

Wiest, Geo. N. Forney, Geo. L. Freet, Chas Santee, and I. H. Kieffer.

Prayer by Thos. Apple, D. D.

Chas. Santee acted as Secretary *pro. tem.*

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A. G. Renninger, W. J. Seibert, and D. W. Gross, excused; also, Geo. Z. Kunkel, for lateness.

On motion of Mr. Kieffer, D. W. Gross was elected President, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice-President; J. B. Roth, Treasurer, and G. Z. Kunkel, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Executive Committee continued same as last year; the officers of the Board, and J. D. Skiles in addition.

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Chairman of the Committee of Synod, made a statement in relation to the location of the Seminary building, expressing the opinion, that the same should be located on the piece of ground, northwest corner, opposite the College building. Remarks were made by Prof. J. C. Bowman, Rev. Dittmar, J. B. Roth, and others.

A motion was made and carried, that the matter of investigating the authority of the Board to make a purchase of the real estate at the corner of the avenue, be referred to the Executive Committee, and they report to the Committee of the Synods.

Closed with Lord's prayer. Adjourned.

CHAS. SANTEE, *Secretary pro. tem.*

The third meeting was held in Harrisburg, Pa., at the residence of D. W. Gross, on the 24th of September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present, D. W. Gross, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel, Israel Laucks, and H. J. Seibert, also letter of approval was afterwards received from J. D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.

Prayer by G. Z. Kunkel.

Minutes of last meeting corrected, and approved. Communications were received from A. G. Renninger, Chas. Santee, Geo. L. Freet, Geo. W. Hensel, Geo. N. Forney, and J. D. Skiles, asking to be excused for absence, granted.

The Treasurer, J. B. Roth, then presented his Annual Report, which was received, and referred to Messrs. Laucks and Seibert, to audit the same. The Committee reported the same correct, with a balance in the Treasury of seven hundred and two dollars and twenty-six cents ($702\frac{26}{100}$.)

The Treasurer reported having received from Mrs. Israel Laucks the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-cents, (833\frac{33}{100}$) her portion of the legacy of $2,500, left by her father, Wm. A. Wilt, of York, Pa., to the Theological Seminary. On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a letter to Mrs. Laucks thanking her for her kind remembrance in carrying out the intentions of her father in donating a legacy to the Seminary, and in accordance with her request, the same shall be known as the Wm. A. Wilt fund.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Secretary Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 16th, 1891.

Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to September 24th, 1891

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1890.		Dr.	
Sept.	25.	For amount balance due,	$ 686.39
"	26.	For interest rec'd Geo. W. Hensel, April 1, 1890,	6.00
"	"	" " Geo. F. Baer, Oct. 1, 1890,	75.00
"	"	" " Geo W. Schroyer, August 8, 1890,	105.00
Oct.	1.	" " G. F. Bassler, date,	21.00
"	1.	" " S. M. Keen "	75.00
"	3.	" " Cook legacy, Sept. 1, 1890,	30.00
"	"	" " Kieffer legacy, on account,	112.50
"	"	" " Jacob Fritz, Oct. 1, 1890,	82.50
"	"	" " J. M. Steinmetz, April 1, 1890,	12.00
"	4.	" " Kieffer legacy, Oct. 1, 1890,	125.00
"	7.	" " F Schaum, Oct. 1, 1890,	10.50
"	8.	" " Isaac G. Simmons, Oct. 6, 1890,	105.00
"	13.	" " Newton Groff, Oct. 1, 1890,	30.00
"	15.	" " St. Stephen's Chapel, Oct. 29, 1890.	36.00
"	21.	" " D. M. Wingerd, Sept. 29, 1890,	82.18
Nov.	6.	" " T. G. Apple, D. D., Jan. 1, 1891,	12.00
"	7.	" " E. H. Killough, Nov. 1, 1890.	75.00
"	8.	" " Henry Keen, Oct. 1, 1890,	30.00
"	20.	" " St. John Reformed Church, Shamokin, Oct. 1, 1890,	30.00
"	22.	" " M. H. Riner, Oct. 1, 1890,	30.00
Dec.	4.	" " Lehigh Valley Railroad Bonds, Dec. 1, 1890,	150.00
"	9.	" " Mercersburg Classis, Jan. 1, 1890	24.00
"	"	" " Lehigh Classis, on account,	27.00
"	17.	" " Richardson Mortgage, Dec. 1, 1890.	29.75
"	24.	" " F. Routh Mortgage, Dec. 19, 1890,	42.00
"	12.	" " Brubaker Mortgage, April 1, 1891,	90.00
Feb.	16.	" " Lane & Co., Feb. 1, 1891,	171.67

1891.					
Feb.	16.	For interest rec'd		Geo. W. Schroyer, Feb. 8, 1891,.....	$105.00
March	4.	"	"	Allemania F Ins. Co., Div'd No. 34,	20.00
"	"	"	"	S. J. Johnston, April 1, 1891,.....	60.00
"	13.	"	"	A. and J. Christ, April 1, 1891,.....	82.50
"	16.	"	"	Coen Mortgage, Jan. 9, 1891,.....	21.00
"	21.	"	"	John Becker, Feb. 28, 1891,.....	240.00
"	28.	"	"	H. Westly, April 1, 1891,.....	42 00
April	1.	"	"	S. M. Keen, April 1, 1891,.....	75.00
"	"	"	"	F. Schaum, April 1, 1891,.....	6.00
"	"	"	"	A. Cunkle, April 1, 1891,.....	60.00
"	"	"	"	Henry Keen, April 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	"	"	"	J. F. Bassler, April 1, 1891,.....	21.00
"	"	"	"	S G. Wagner, D. D., April 1, 1891,..	7.20
"	3.	"	"	Newton Groff, April 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	"	"	"	W. H. Riner, April 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	4.	"	"	E. S. Stehman, April 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	6.	"	"	Geo. Carbaugh and wife, April 1,1891	120.00
"	"	"	"	Isaac G. Simmons, April 6, 1891,.....	105 00
"	8.	"	"	E. B. Fritz, April 1, 1891,.....	81.00
"	9.	"	"	W. F. Hambright, April 17, 1891,.....	60.00
"	10.	"	"	P. M. Ermentrout, April 1, 1891,.....	344 20
"	16.	"	"	Jacob Heyser, on account,.....	240.00
"	22.	"	"	Job Robinson, April 25, 1891,.....	36.00
"	23.	"	"	Zion's Classis, May 1, 1891,.....	23.22
"	24.	"	"	Allentown Female Col., Jan. 1, 1891.	25.00
"	27.	"	"	Austin Cessna, April 15, 1891,.....	60 00
"	"	"	"	Kieffer legacy, April 1, 1891,.....	237.50
"	"	"	"	Cook legacy, March 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	30.	"	"	Amos Christ, April 1, 1891,.....	90.00
May	2.	"	"	E. H. Killough, May 1, 1891,.....	75.00
"	6.	"	"	Geo. W. Hensel, April 1, 1891,.....	6.00
"	8.	"	"	St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, April 1, 1891,.....	30.00
"	9.	"	"	Juniata Classis in full,.....	3.80
"	"	"	"	John B. Roth on account,.....	125.00
"	12.	"	"	M. A. Keefer & Co, April 21, 1891,..	110.00
"	15.	"	"	W. Susquehanna Classis on account,	2.55
"	"	"	"	E. Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treasurer, July 1, 1890,.....	45.00
"	23.	"	"	Mrs. Anna Eyerman, June 13, 1892,	50.00
June	9.	"	"	Lehigh Valley Railroad bonds, June 1, 1891,.....	150.00
"	12.	"	"	Richardson Mortgage, June 1, 1891,	29.75
"	18.	"	"	J. A. Metzger, April 1, 1891,.....	78 00
July	11.	"	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co. dividend,.....	2.60
"	23.	"	"	Lehigh Classis, on account,.....	25.50
"	24.	"	"	Ruth Mortgage, June 18, 1891,.....	40.00
"	"	"	"	Coen Mortgage, July 9, 1891,.....	19.00
Aug.	7.	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, Aug. 8, 1891,.....	105.00
"	24.	"	"	Allentown Female Col., July 1, 1891,	25.00
"	27.	"	"	John Becker, August 28, 1891,.....	240.00
Sept.	17.	"	"	U. B. Hartman, June 21, 1891,.....	200.00
"	19.	"	"	John B. Roth, July 1, 1891,.....	125.00
"	21.	"	"	Saml. H. Keen, Oct. 1, 1891,.....	75 00
"	22.	"	"	Seminary Aid and Elocution,.....	165.25
					$6344.56

1890.		Cr.	
Oct. 9.	By amount paid	R. J. Allen's bill,	$ 6.40
" 9.	" "	W. Wohlsen's bill,	12.00
" 11.	" "	L. C. Fondersmith's bill,	1.25
" 18.	" "	Lancaster Intelligencer bill ad.,	17.40
" 21.	" "	Charges on sale of farm, Franklin Co,	11.25
" 30.	" "	Arnold's bill,	6.80
Nov. 4.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 4.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 4.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., on account,	200.00
Dec. 3.	" "	Theo. G- Apple, D. D., to Jan. 1, 1891,	175.00
" 3.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Jan. 1, 1891,	175.00
" 3.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., Jan. 1, 1891,	175.00
1891.			
Jan. 8.	By amount paid	Arnold's bill,	1.86
" 14.	" "	T. Humphreyville's bill,	1.70
" 30.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 30.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 30.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., on account,	200.00
Feb. 4.	" "	Reformed Church Publication House,	12.50
" 14.	" "	Conrad Moser's bill,	1.75
" 16.	" "	W. Wohlsen's bill,	9.00
Mar. 4.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to April 1, 1891,	175.00
" 4.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to April 1, 1891,	175.00
" 4.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., to April 1, 1891,	175.00
" 4.	" "	S H. Zahm & Co.,	5.25
" 10.	" "	Isaac Mast,	16.00
Apr. 10.	" "	Conrad Moser's bill,	.90
" 18.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, for P. O. stamps,	6.00
" 18.	" "	New Era catalogue bill,	36.00
May 6.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 6.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 6.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 12.	" "	F. & M. Col. Janitor ser., April 1, 1891,	100.00
" 18.	" "	Bill of repairs at E. V. Gerhart,	5.68
" 25.	" "	Edison's Electric Light Co.,	5.00
June 3.	" "	S. S. Neff, Elocution in full,	250.00
" 9.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to July 1, 1891,	175.00
" 9.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to July 1, 1891,	175.00
" 9.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., to July 1, 1891,	175.00
July 7.	" "	John Dickel's bill,	2.40
" 28.	" "	Flinn & Breneman's bill,	2.85
" 31.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 31.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account,	200.00
" 31.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., on account,	200.00
Aug. 21.	" "	G. W. Hensel, Jr. & Co., bill, ...$12.50	
" 21.	" "	Freight charges on pumps, .52	13.02
" 28.	" "	Frank Pfeiffer's bill,	2.85
" 28.	" "	F. & M. Col. Janitor, ser., Oct 1, 1891,	100.00
" 28.	" "	Klopp legacy, to Oct. 1, 1891,	40.00
Sep. 2.	" "	Taxes on Kansas investments,	43.47
" 3.	" "	T. G. Apple, D. D., in full to, Oct. 1, '91	175.00
" 3.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Oct. 1, 1891,	175.00
" 3.	" "	F. A. Gast, D. D., Oct. 1, 1891,	175.00
" 3.	" "	Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1891,	200.00
" 8.	" "	Library Fund, Oct. 1, 1891,	65.99
" 8.	" "	Prize Essay Fund, Oct. 1. 1891,	25.00

Sep. 11.	"	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill,	$ 60.00
" 11.	"	"	T. B. and H. B. Cochran, diplomas,	9.00
" 14.	"	"	Seminary ad. in Oriflamme, 1891,	9.00
" 14.	"	"	Conrad Moser's bill,	2.50
" 15.	"	"	H. Leonard, for keys,	.40
" 18.	"	"	W. U. Hensel, prof. services, 1891	50.00
" 22.	"	"	Thos. Humphreville's bill,	9.08
				$5642.30

Amount Dr. brought forward from page 13, ... $6344.56
" Cr. " " " " 15, ... 5642.30

Sep. 24, 1891, Balance due Theo. Seminary, ... $702.26

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Theologiual Seminary Aid Fund and Elocution.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

				Dr.
1890.				
Sep. 27.	To amount rec'd		T. O. Stem, Treasurer of E. Zion's Classis for Elocution,	$ 12.00
" 29.	"	"	Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis for 1889 and 1890,	14.00
Oct. 3.	"	"	Rev. A Houtz, Treasurer of Wyoming Clas. for J. J. Nissley, Trea. Elocution	12.00
" 3.	"	"	Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Treasurer of Schuylkill Clas. for Elocution, 1889,	13.00
1891.				
Feb. 7.	"	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Clas. for Elocution,	6.00
" 10.	"	"	J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis for Elocution,	5.50
Apr. 30.	"	"	D. B. Mauger, Treas. of Goshenhoppen Classis for Elocution,	9.00
May 15.	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas W. Susquehauna Classis for Elocution, $6.95, Seminary Aid, $300,	9 95
" 18.	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. Salary ac.,	1.90
" 18.	"	"	Isaac G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis for Oct., 1891,	20.00
" 21.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis, Elocution, 1891,	7.00
July 23.	"	"	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis, Elocution, 1891,	28.00
" 27.	"	"	Geo Hill, Treas. E. Susquehanna Classis, Elocution,	6.00
Sep. 11.	"	"	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis,	13.00
" 16.	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis,	7.90

Charged to Treas. in Seminary current expense account, ... $165.25

Library Account of Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1890. **Dr.**

Sep. 23.	To balance due Library Fund,	$ 99.88
Nov. 1.	To cash from E. V. Gerhart, D. D., for book,	.40
1891.		
Sep. 8.	To interest received from Endowment Fund to Oct. 1, 1891,	65.99
		$166.27

1890. **Cr.**

Nov. 1.	By amount paid	Masterman & Co. bill,	$ 7.00
" 14.	" " "	W. H. Roy's bill,	3.80
" 14.	" "	charges on books,	.45
" 17.	" " "	S. L. Hartman's bill,	3.75
Dec. 4.	" " "	F. A. Gast, D. D. bill,	8.00
1891.			
Mar. 4.	" " "	S. H. Zahm & Co. bill, ($\frac{14\ 40}{27\ 80}$)	42.20
" 12.	" " "	W. H. Roy's bill,	4.60
May 13.	" " "	F. M. Christern's bill,	2.80
June 15.	" " "	Three year's interest on Library,	30.00
Aug. 28.	" " "	S. H. Zahm & Co. bill,	9.95
Sep. 18.	" " "	A. C. Armstrong & Son's bill,	23.38
			135.93
Sep. 22.	Balance due Library Fund,		$30.34

1891. *Building Fund.*

Sep. 22. Principal is, ... $12,883.05

All interest received on same to date is included in current expense account of Seminary.

1890. *Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.*

Sep.	Amount of Principal,	$1718.30
Aug. 19. 1891.	Amount received of Senator H. P. Laird, per Rev. of A. E. Truxal	600.00
" 28. " " "	of A. E. Truxal,	369.00
		$2687.30

All interest on same Acounted for in current expense of Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1891,

Smaltz Fund Account.

Principal, ... $5000.00

1890. **Dr.**

Nov. 6.	To interest received to Oct. 1, 1890,	$137.50
1891.		
Apr. 21.	" " " Apr. 1, 1891,	137.50
		$275.00

1890. **Cr.**

Nov. 6.	By check to Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer,	$137.50	
Apr. 21, 1891.	By draft to Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer,	137.50	$275.00

1891. *William A. Wilt Fund.*

June 26. To amount received from Mrs. Imilda A. Laucks, of York, Pa. in accordance with the request of her father, W. A. Wilt, and be known as the W. A. Wilt *Fund*, $833.33

Interest accounted for in the current expense ac. of Seminary.

1890 *Prize Essay Fund in Church History.*

Sep. 25.	To amount of Fund to date,		$550.00
Oct. 13.	" received of C. U. Heilman,		50.00
Nov. 27.	" " John J. Nissley,		25.00
Dec. 30.	" " W. R. Lawfer,		50.00
1891.			
June 3.	" " D. M. Wolf,	$10.00	
" 3.	" " Rev. Black Boalsburg,	20.00	
" 3.	" " C. M. Bower, Bellefonte,	28.30	58.30
July 21.	" " Leinbach & Bro., Reading, Pa.,		25.00
			$758.30

1891.

Sep. 22. Interest due said Fund to Oct. 1, 1891, is, ... $25.00

Endowment Fund Account.

1890. Dr.

Sep. 23.	For amount of Fund as per report of Treasurer,		$78,296.90
1891.			
Jan. 1.	Received of S. G. Wagner, D. D., contributed by Fleetwood Cong,	$10.00	
" 1.	" " Egypt College,	13.00	23.00
Feb. 5.	" " D. B. Mauger, Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis, contributed by Rev. Deehant Charge,	$29.00	
" 5.	" " Evans Charge,	31.00	
" 5.	" " Huber Charge,	19.20	
" 5.	" " Weiser "	46.00	125.20
Apr. 30.	" " D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis,		174.80
May 1.	" " Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis,		188.00
June 19.	" " Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as principal due the Theological Seminary to June 9, 1891, from the Wilhelm estate,		3644.75

1891.

Sep. 24.	Endowment Fund is,	$82,452.65
" "	Smaltz Fund "	5000.00
" "	Library " "	1819.96
" "	Building Fund "	12,883.05
" "	Pittsburgh Prof. Fund is,	2687.30
" "	Prize Essay Fund in Church History,	758.30
" "	W. A. Wilt Fund is,	833.33
	Total,	$106,434.59

All of which is respectfully presented.

LANCASTER, Sept. 24, 1891. JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report, that we find them correct.

ISRAEL LAUCKS,
HARRISBURG, Sept. 24, 1891. HENRY J. SEIBERT.

(*c.*) *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States, in account with CHAS. G. FISHER, *Treas.*

Cr.

By Balance in Treasury,	$ 666.05
By Cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas., of E. Penn'a Classis,	380.00
" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis,	543.00
" " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis,	317.39
" " John B. Roth, Treas. of Theo. Sem., interest Klopp Legacy,	40.00
" " John B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Sem., int. Smaltz Fund,	275.00
" " Rev. J. F. Moyer, Treasurer, Eastern Synod, interest Gerhart Legacy,	6.00
" " Dividend Harrisburg National Bank,	33.75
" " Dr. E. I. Santee, Treas. Christ Church, Phila.,	56.85
" " J. W. Wetzel, executor of Geo. Braught Est., Legacy,	3,000.00
" " Interest on Loans,	389.05
" " Amount returned by E. O. Nothstein,	200.00
" " Treasurer of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.,	170.00
" " Whitemaish Cong., Rev. J. D. Detrich, pastor,	11.45
" " "S."	3.00
	$6,091.54

Dr.

To Cash Paid Beneficiaries of Eastern Penn'a Classis,	$ 380.00
" " Beneficiaries of Lancaster Classis,	317.39
" " Beneficiaries of Lehigh Classis,	543.00
" " Beneficiaries on Smaltz Fund,	385.00
" " Beneficiaries on General Fund,	805.00
" " Beneficiary of Student of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.,	170.00
" " For Investments of Braught Fund,	3,000.00
" " Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., salary as Secretary of Board,	20.00
" " Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., expenses to Easton, Pa.	6.00
" " Expenses of Treasurer to Lancaster and Easton	7.25
Balance in Treasury,	457.90
	$6,091.54

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, Chas. G. Fisher, and find it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL,
LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 19, 1891. *Auditing Committee.*

(*b*) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

HIGHLY ESTEEMED BRETHREN: Through the merciful Providence of God, it is the privilege of the undersigned to present the following to your venerable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

At the opening of the Seminary in September 1890, the following individuals, twenty-three in number, were admitted to the Junior Class,: Charles C. Clark, Samuel A. Ditzel, George A. Dreibelbies, Lawrence S. Foust, David H. Fouse, Howard L. Greenawald, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William H. Landis, George E. Limbert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Meyer, John K. Naly, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes and W. B. Werner.

The Middle Class consisted of the fifteen members, without any changes, who were admitted into the Seminary one year ago. Their names appear in our report last year.

The members of the Senior Class, having completed their prescribed course of study, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the year, and awarded the usual Testimonial at the Anniversary of the Seminary, in May last. Their names are the following: Thomas K. Cromer, Albert Suder Glessner, Francis Marion Line, William J. Muir, Henry D. Patton, David Scheirer, Jr., Henry E. Snyder and George P. Stem, eight in number.

Thus there were forty-six students connected with the Seminary during the past year, the largest number so far in attendance during a single year, which goes to show that the Lord is providing the Church with an encouraging supply of ministers, to break unto the people of the bread of life. With the exception of three, all the students had enjoyed the benefit of a full collegiate course of study. Several were unavoidably absent during a part of the time, which was a matter of regret to themselves, no less than to their teachers. One of them withdrew altogether, for the present, to fill an important position as teacher elsewhere.

The instruction and training in Elocution, it is believed, has been beneficial to the students, and the Board are, therefore, of

the opinion that that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until one more permanent can be made for the Seminary and the College. In that event the Synod is asked to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary for this purpose the sum of $100.00, the same as during previous years, as her part in meeting the necessary expenses which must be incurred.

It gives us pleasure to report that the supervision of the Seminary has been satisfactory to the Board. The professors sought to discharge their duties faithfully as instructors. The conduct of the students and their diligence in the prosecution of their studies were such as commended them to the respect and confidence of their teachers and others. There was no necessity for the exercise of discipline, and the examinations were satisfactory to the Board. It is further gratifying to know that there was a large increase in number of students at the recent opening of the Seminary year, nearly sixty being on the roll.

The addition of a new professor in the person of the Rev. J. C. Bowman, is a valuable accession to the strength of the Faculty. The same will no doubt be true when the Synod of Pittsburgh, in the near future, is successful in endowing its professorship. Such helps, together with the erection of necessary buildings—so much needed, but so long delayed—will consummate the work inaugurated by the fathers of the Church in establishing the present school of the prophets. We thank God for the many evidences of His favor resting upon our joint labors, and look up to Him for help and guidance in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 19, 1891. THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y.*

Report of the Committee on the Endowment of a New Professorship in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee humbly submitted to the action of your reverend body, in its last annual sessions, at Reading, Pa. It was then deemed proper by you, that in view of the urgent necessity of a new seminary building, "the work of the Committee on Endowment be held in abeyance for the present, so that the energies of Synod and the people may be directed to the raising of funds for such a building." In consequence of the above ruling, your Committee, in full sympathy with the worthy end contemplated to be reached, promptly discontinued its pe

sonal appeals for aid, and hence have nothing substantial to report at this time. Your Committee would suggest to you the propriety of its dissolution, or if it be your judgment that it should be continued, it will patiently await to resume its special work, whensoever and in whatsoever manner you may designate.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The report on Theological Seminary was taken up item by item and adopted.

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary begs leeve to offer the following report: The following reports were referred to us: (1.) The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; (2.) The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; (3.) The report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; (4.) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; (5.) A letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Endowment.

From the reports we learn the following facts, to which we call the attention of the Synod.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that at the opening of seminary in September, 1890, twenty-three members were admitted to the junior class; that the middle class consisted of fifteen members; and that at the end of the year the students of the senior class, eight in uumber, having completed the full course of study, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, were regularly dismissed to enter upon the active duties of the holy ministry. Thus forty-six students were connected with the seminary during the past year, the largest number in attendance during a single year. The seminary year, beginning in September, 1891, began with sixty students in attendance. The teaching force of the seminary has been increased by the addition of Rev. J. C. Bowman. All these facts indicate that our School of the Prophets is in a prosperous condition, and worthy of the confidence and support of the Church.

(2.) From the report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, we learn: (1.) That on September 24, 1891, there was a balance in the treasurer's hands of $702.26; (2.) That there are funds in his hands to the amount of $106,434.59, of which

$82,452.66 belongs to the Endowment Fund; $5,000 to the Smaltz Fund; $1,819.96 to the Library Fund; $12,883.05 to the Building Fund; $2,687.30 to the Pittsburgh Professorship; $758.30 to the Prize Essay Fund in Church History, and $833.33 to the W. A. Wilt Fund.

(3.) From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn that the board had three meetings during the Synodical year. The chief item of business which engaged the attention of the board, was the taking of preliminary steps toward the erection of a seminary building, The board commits the selection of a site for the seminary building to the joins committee of the Synods.

(4.) This Synod is overtured by the Board of Visitors to contribute one hundred dollars toward the payment of the salary of a Teacher of Elocution in the Seminary during the coming year.

(5.) From the Treasurer of the Board of Edncation we learn that the receipts for the past year were $6,091.54; expendltures, $5,633.64, leaving a balance of $457.60 in the hands of the Treasurer.

(6.) From the Committee on Endowment we learn that nothing was done in this direction, owing to the order of Synod. The committee suggests the propriety of its dissolution, if Synod deems it proper to do so; but does not insist on it.

The committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has heard with pleasure that there was a balance in the treasury of $702.26 at the close of the Seminary year.

Resolved, 2. That Synod acknowledges with profound gratitude to the Triune God the evidences of divine favor and blessing upon the seminary and its work; that it affords us great satisfaction to know that the numbers of students in the seminary is larger than ever before in its history, and that its professors and students were faithful in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, 3. That the ministers be again affectionately urged to seek out worthy young men for the holy ministry.

Resolved, 4. That Synod assume the sum of $100.00, to be apportioned among the Classes, towards paying the salary of a Teacher of Elocution for the Seminary.

Resolved, 5. That the Endowment of a new Professorship be held in abeyance for the present, and that the committee for this purpose be, at their own suggestion, discharged, in order that the Church may concentrate her energies and resources for the raising of funds for a seminary building, which is very much needed.

Resolved, 6. That pastors, consistories and members be earnestly and respectfully requested by this Synod to co-operate with the joint committee, or their agent or agents, in raising funds for this purpose. Respectfully submitted, J. E. HIESTER.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; Geo. W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; George G. Heilman, Heilman Dale, Pa.; Aaron G. Renninger, Allentown, Pa.; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Jacob Heyser, Chambersburg, Pa.; Geo. N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Henry W. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Peter C. Wiest, York, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Josiah Kern, Saegertown, Pa.; Dr. J. H. Twitmeyer, Sharpsville, Pa.; Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; C. F. McCauley, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Henry M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Hiram King, Somerset, Pa.; Albert E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.; E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Sam'l N. Callender, D. D., Mechanicsburg, Pa.; J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.

Acceptance of the Call and the Inauguration of Rev. J. C. Bowman, Professor of New Testament Exegesis, in Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

On item 2 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, concerning the call to Rev. J. C. Bowman, the incumbent of the

chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, located at Lancaster, Pa., the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The undersigned hereby report, that in accordance with the instruction given us at the meeting of the Synod, at Reading, Pa., October 20, 1890, we, on its behalf and in its name, extend the call to the Rev. John C. Bowman, of Hanover, Pa., to the chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, and subject to the condition, that the salary be provided by the Synod of the Potomac.

The call was accepted by the Rev. John C. Bowman, the acceptance bearing the date of Dec. 1, 1890.

The officers of the Synod of the Potomac were duly notified of this fact and also of the action of this Synod, constituting them the committee of inauguration. Arrangements were made to inaugurate the Professor-elect, and carried into effect in the college chapel, Lancaster, Pa., on Tuesday, May 12, 1891, at 8:30 P. M.

At the instance of the officers of the Potomac Synod, and by the wish of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary and the new Professor, the undersigned were present and took part in the services. The following order of services was observed:

Invocation and Hymn, by Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, Vice President of Potomac Synod.

Prayer, by T. O. Stem, President of the Eastern Synod.

The reading of the call, coming from the Potomac and Eastern Synods, with the letter of acceptance, by Rev. John Phil. Stein, Stated Clerk of the Eastern Synod.

The Address and Constitutional Obligation, by Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., President of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

The charge to the Professor-elect, by Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, President of Potomac Synod.

"The Right Hand of Fellowship," by the Committee of Inauguration.

The Inauguaral Address on the theme, "Interpretation of Scripture Pregressive," by Prof. John C. Bowman.

Closing with Prayer, a Hymn and the Benediction.

We would further state that the letter of acceptance was filed in the Archives of the Synod. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.* T. O. STEM, *President.*

The Erection of a New Building for the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

On item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod in regard to the erection of a new building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., referred a year ago to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, Wm. C. Schaeffer and Samuel A. Leinbach, presented the following report, which was amended and adopted, to wit:

DEAR BRETHERN: The Committee appointed by this Synod to secure funds for the erection of a suitable building for the use of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., met in connection with a similar committee appointed by the Potomac Synod, a few weeks after the adjournment of the Synods. The meeting was held in the college building. In looking over the lot belonging to the Seminary, it was the unanimous judgment of the joint committee that the site is not adapted for a Seminary building, it being very low ground at the south end of the campus; the building erected on it would be obscured by other buildings already on the ground. This opinion was communicated to the the trustees of the Seminary and a joint meeting with them was held for the purpose of having them consider the advisability of purchasing another and more suitable site then in the market. The trustees declined to make the purchase. The joint committee from the first was unanimously of the opinion, that an earnest effort should be made, if possible, to find one or two persons who would give the amount required. With this in view, they set to work, and report that although they have not secured the money, they have laid the matter before persons who are giving it serious consideration. About the time when your committee had settled down to work three members moved out of the bounds of their Synod, and another became incapacitated through illness, leaving only one member from each Synod for active duty. This fact interfered very greatly with their work.

In view of the above stated facts and for the purpose of accomplishing the work of securing funds for the erection of the Semi-

nary building, your committee recommended the following action to your reverend body, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, consisting of three Ministers and two Elders, to act conjointly with similar committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, to select a location, collect funds and procure plans for the erection of a Seminary building.

2. *Resolved*, That the committee appointed by this Synod act conjointly with the committees of the Synod of Pittsburgh and the Synod of the Potomac, and that they co-operate with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in the matter of selecting a site and adopting a plan for the securing of funds required for the erection of a suitable building.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER,
JOHN A. HOFFHEINS,
Chairmen.

The committee appointed by this Synod to assist in carying out the above instructions consists of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, B. B. Ferer, Thos. J. Hacker and Elders John W. Bickel and H. H. Conrad.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the Year Ending October 1, 1891.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: During this missionary year the Executive Council has had three special meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings, and the full Board has had one meeting. We began the work of the year with many encouragements, and we close it with even more.

On October 1st, 1890, our roll numbered 36 missions. Of these Plymouth and Seattle have become self-supporting; and Dushore, Freeland and Nanticoke were lately withdrawn from the care of the Board by the Wyoming Classis. Astoria, Roanoke and Ballard have been enrolled during the year, and at the late meeting

of the Board, Royersford, Pa., Tower City, Pa., and Allentown, Pa., were enrolled. By the action of the Board one year ago, Imogene, Iowa, was to be dropped from the roll at the close of the present year. Therefore we will begin the new missionary year with a roll of thirty-six missions.

The most important facts in the history of these missions are embodied in the statistical table, which deserves careful examination. Indeed, such full statements are there given as to make it unnecessary to speak here in detail of each mission, but a few additional facts may be of general interest.

Nearly all of the Missions have had a prosperous year, and nearly all are in good financial condition. Nearly all have a yearly settlement, which is reported to the congregation. A large number have Missionary Societies. All report the relation of missionary and people as pleasant and satisfactory. Abilene asks its first (but a large) reduction. Altoona, Iola, Lisbon and York have built parsonages as a step toward self-support, and others are preparing the way to do so. Faith Mission, Baltimore, has enlarged its church, and Woodberry has improved both church and parsonage. Concord has been strengthened by the addition of a neighboring congregation. Roanoke and Astoria have as yet no organizations, and both greatly need help in building churches. The self-support of Plymouth was unexpectedly early, and also at personal sacrifice on the part of the missionary. Seattle became self-supporting by a mutually satisfactory arrangement between Rev. G. Graedel and the new pastor, Rev. A. E. Schade, who takes Seattle without aid, which enabled the Board to commission Rev. Graedel for Ballard, a suburb of the same city. Only two of the missions are vacant, namely, Sioux City since July 1st, 1891, and Winchester during the whole year.

According to the action of the Board a year ago, the *Missionary Herald* was discontinued with the issue of December, 1890; the Board has since then been editorially represented in the the *Missionary Guardian* by Rev. T. J. Barkley, one of the assistant editors.

The income of the year, though quite too small for what should be done, has nevertheless enabled the Board again promptly to pay the missionaries in full every quarter. You will notice that the treasurer reports $2,626 on hand; but as orders for about $4,000 have just been issued, there is in fact on hand a small deficit.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Synods to the necessity of our receiving the whole apportionment in order rightly to carry on the work. Again, while many of the Classes raise a large part of their apportionment for missions, many seem to lay but little stress on the apportionment for church-building, perhaps under the mistaken notion that this last is not very important. We beg the Synods to emphasize the importance of paying both apportionments in full.

We begin the year with eleven Church-building Funds on hand. It gives the Board great pleasure to report that five more have been received, namely, one from Elder John L. Reigel, of Reigelsville, Pa.; one from the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis, one from Miss Anna M. Knecht, of Freemansburg, Pa.; one from Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa., and one of $666 from Mrs. Imilda Laucks, of York, Pa.

It is proper to add that part of the Fund loaned to Faith Mission, Baltimore, has been repaid by Maryland Classis, and that Christ Mission, Baltimore, has already paid back $300 of its fund. A Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," giving many facts in regard to their meaning, history and helpfulness, has been published for free distribution among those who may be expected to establish such Funds.

In addition to the support of our own missions, we this year again gave $150 toward the support of one mission under the German Board of the East, and $1,600 toward three missions under the care of the Board of General Synod.

We regret to say that the effort to raise one thousand "tens" this year found but feeble response, only one hundred and twenty-five having been reported; and yet even this small result was felt in meeting the demands on the treasury.

Superintendent D. B. Shuey, reports another busy year, with 25,000 miles travel. His field, the Synod of the Interior, is 850 miles from East to West by 480 miles from North to South. Speaking of his work, he says: "When I remember that some weeks I was in bed only from two to four nights, and how very exhausted I sometimes felt, I realize the enormity of the work. I preached 153 sermons during the year, seldom more than one at a place on the same day, often going one hundred to two hundred miles between sermons." Most of his work was in Kansas; but four trips were

made to Illinois and three to Iowa. At Anna, Ill., he recovered our fine church and parsonage illegally held by the Congregationalists. At Stonington, Ill., he prepared the plans and specifications for a church, and directed its construction. He gave much time to the Holton charge. He preached for awhile at St. Joseph, Mo., and taught a class of catechumens in Emporia, Kans. His work has indeed been many-sided. While not much progress has been made in the Synod of the Interior, he adds, yet we have been steadily going forward, extending our work and building churches, while some other denominations have had to recede with loss.

The Board makes the following requests:—

1. We respectfully ask the Synods to assume the following apportionments for the work of another year:

EASTERN SYNOD.—For missions, $13,000; for church-building, $2,500.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—For missions, $7,000; for church-building, $1,500.

2. We earnestly beg the Synods to endeavor to secure the full payment of their apportionments, the increased circulation of the *Missionary Guardian*, and a wide distribution of the Board's Tract on "Our Church-building Funds."

The yearly Report of the Board should be of great interest to every member of the Church, since every one should anxiously watch how the work is going forward and how God is answering the prayers of His people. We trust, therefore, that the Consistories of our churches will take pains to place this Report in the hands of their people, even to a greater extent than last year. As it can again be had for free distribution, let enough be secured for every charge. We want our people to know where their money is going and how the work is prospering.

We close this yearly Report with gratitude to God for His continued favor, and with gratitude to the Church also for her large measure of confidence and co-working.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,
Superintendent of Missions.

II. Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present my annual report of the finances of the Board during the year ending September 22, 1890.

The subjoined tables show the moneys received and payments made for Home Missions, Church Building, &c., during the year, viz:

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	$ 285 32		Classis of E. Susquehanna	525 82
" Tohickon	1,077 56		" W. Susquehanna	914 75
" Goshenhoppen	943 85		" Lehigh	1,517 26
" E. Pennsylvania	749 00		" Wyoming	571 34
" Lebanon	1,185 50			
" Schuylkill	1,366 43		Total	$10,236 39
" Lancaster	1,099 56			

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Maryland	$1,096 22	Classis of North Carolina	150 27
" Mercersburg	786 44	" Portland, Oregon	151 85
" Juniata	969 70		
" Carlisle	389 30	Total	$4,851 96
" Zion	453 18		
" Gettysburg	770 00		$15,088 35
" Virginia	85 00		

Miscellaneous Sources.

Received 12 months interest on Gerhart legacy	$ 6 00
" Interest on Loans, viz., from Mechanics' Bank Harrisburg	37 50
" C. H. Hutchison, Harrisburg	114 00
" Mrs. C. A. Fremdell, Harrisburg	115 50
" Of the Reformed Church of Abilene, Kansas	135 00
" Of Jno. R. Hamilton	60 00
" Of L. C. and L. Sidle	150 00
" On account of Sioux City Mortgage	55 00
" Of Jno. L. and Sophia Grove	120 00
" "Spangler legacy" dividend	25 00
" Of Ladies' Aid Society of Kansas City	60 00
" Collection of Synod of Reading	29 49
" One-half of Synod of Interior	17 64
" Of Missionary Society of Scottdale, Pa	10 00
" Of Missions of Leighton, Iowa	20 00
" Legacy of Catherine Sweigert	8 00
" Reformed Church Lisbon, Iowa	12 50
" Miss H. J. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo	10 00
" Reformed Church Iola, Kansas	4 00
" Of Lincoln, Neb., Mission	10 00
" W. M. Society Maquoketa, Iowa	13 62

Statistical Church in the United States.

PLACE.	In	Total Alms.	How much of this was given for Home Missions.	Churches in the Mission.	Indebtedness.	Debt paid this year.	Insurance.	Have a Parsonage.	Missionary Guardians Taken	Appropriation paid by the Board this year.	Salary paid by the Mission this year.	Salary to be paid by the Mission next year.	Appropriation asked by the Mission for next year.	Appropriation voted by the Board for next year.
Abilene, Kansas,	Kan	67.22	$ 22.33	2	$1,790	$ 563	$5,000	0	4	$500	$300	$450	$350	$350
Altoona, Pa.,	Juni	13 62	65.23	1	5,586	3,336	5,000	0	12	350	350	400	300	300
Astoria, Oregon,	Port	10.00	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	?	?	400	400
Ballard, Wash.,	Port	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	400	400
Baltimore, Md ,	Mar	85.00	33.00	1	900	.....	2,000	0	14	700	100	200	800	800
Baltimore, Md.,	Mar	98.00	60.00	1	200	200	2,000	0	8	600	200	300	600	600
Bangor, Pa.,	East	08 00	60.00	2	3,273	0	3,500	1	0	200	450	525	125	125
Burlington, N. C.,	Nort	?	?	2	0	0	0	0	1	300	200	150	300	300
Chamoersburg, Pa.,	Mer	67.00	65.00	1	0	435	4,500	0	2	350	480	480	356	350
Concord, N. C.,	Nort	59.77	14.50	1	0	0	0	0	0	225	175	?	225	225
Duncannon, Pa.,	Carl	45.29	40.54	2	0	0	3,000	0	2	175	525	550	150	150
Duskore, Pa.,	Wyo	69.75	?	3	275	375	0	0	0	150	325	325	0	0
Easton, Pa.,	East	77.29	30.00	1	1,500	200	4,500	1	...	150	500	525	125	125
Freeland, Pa.,	Wyo	00.00	39 00	1	1,200	100	3,000	0	1	150	525	550	0	0
Imogene, Iowa,	Linc	26.56	20.00	1	0	0	800	0	1	175	225	175	0	0
Iola, Kansas,	Wich	16.42	4.00	1	0	0	900	1	4	400	280	200	400	400
Kansas City, Mo.,	Kan	53.00	30.00	1	6,600	90	3,200	1	4	700	150	150	700	700
Lancaster, Pa.,	Lan	48.20	25.65	1	1,120	43	3,000	0	1	300	225	275	225	225
Lehighton Iowa,	Iowa	17.50	42.50	1	0	0	1,000	0	2	125	300	350	100	100
Lisbon, Iowa,	Iowa	11.50	55.00	1	474	35	2,000	1	12	200	450	450	150	150
Liscomb, Iowa,	Iowa	79.25	48.00	1	0	0	1,200	0	3	160	340	350	150	150
Lock Haven, Pa.,	West	55.00	30.00	1	0	0	2,200	0	0	175	500	550	175	175
Maquoketa, Iowa,	Iowa	17.08	30.62	2	75	80	1,600	1	6	200	300	350	200	200
Nanticoke, Pa.,	Wyo	20.00	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	.....	.....	0	0
Plymouth, Pa.,	Wyo	57.00	25.00	1	0	0	2,000	0	0	200	360	480	0	0
Roanoke, Va.,	Virg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	0	0	800	800
Salem, Oregon,	Port	22.50	3.00	1	450	0	1,200	1	0	100	200	200	100	100
Seattle, Wash.,	Port	8.00	58.00	1	1,100	0	2,000	1	1	300	150	.....	0	0
Sioux City, Iowa,	Linc	5.00	.....	1	.....	400	5,000	0	3	1000	150	.....	.....	.....
Stafford, Oregon,	Port	9.28	32.00	1	0	0	.....	1	0	120	185	200	100	100
Steelton, Pa.,	Lan	0.00	10.00	1	3,500	.....	5,000	0	2	700	100	200	700	700
Timberville, Va.,	Virg	3.45	20.00	2	0	0	0	1	6	100	250	250	100	100
Washington, D. C.,	Mar	6.00	92.00	1	0	0	3,000	0	6	800	300	300	800	800
West Union, Oregon,	Port	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	240	120	?	200	200
Wichita, Kansas,	Wich	7.00	54.00	1	3,500	0	.....	0	8	750	300	325	725	725
Williamsport, Pa.,	West	5 00	44.00	1	2,200	300	4,000	0	2	150	650	675	125	125
Winchester, Va.,	Virg	0	0	2	300	0	0	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodberry, Md.,	Mar	1.20	88.51	1	0	0	3,100	1	17	275	475	600	200	200
York, Pa.,	Zion	6.62	141.24	1	0	0	5,300	1	4	500	300	400	400	400

Received	Rev. W. R. Stearly, Cleveland, O.	$ 10 00
"	Philip Hoke, Elklick, Pa.	10 00
"	Mrs. C. Barnhart, Treasurer	10 00
"	Imogene Iowa Mission	40 00
"	Sundry Contributions	45 00
	Total from miscellaneous sources	$1,128, 25
	Balance in the Treasury September 22, 1890	$4,859 00
	Total from all sources	$21,075 60

Disbursements.

Paid Orders of the Board during the year	$18,549 11
Balance in the Treasury September	2,526 49
Total	$21,075 60

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Church Building and other Funds.

Balance in the Treasury September 22, 1890	$248 31	
Received for Church building in Baltimore	150 01	
" " Sioux City, Iowa, Mission	90 00	
" " Steelton, Pa., Mission	200 00	
" " Hazleton, Pa., Mission	15 00	
" " Trinity, Altoona, Mission	50 00	
" " Grace Church, York, Pa.	50 00	
" " Braddock, Pa., Mission	5 00	
" " Grace Mission, Philadelphia	15 00	$823 32

General Church Building.

Received from Philadelphia Classis	$ 30 00	
" " Tohickon Classis	178 75	
" " Goshenhoppen Classis	230 00	
" " E. Pennsylvania Classis	91 00	
" " Lebanon Classis	102 00	
" " Schuylkill Classis	225 00	
" " Lancaster Classis	150 63	
" " W. Susquehanna Classis	119 00	
" " Wyoming Classis	131 93	
" " Maryland Classis	1 00	
" " Carlisle Classis	54 44	
" " Juniata Classis	151 82	
" " Zion's Classis	122 47	
		$1,588 04
Received on account of loans:		
From Christ Reformed Church, Baltimore	$300 00	
" Faith Mission, Baltimore	296 00	
		$ 596 00
Received of Mrs. Israel Laucks, York, Pa., on account of the legacy left the Board by her father, Wm. Wilt, deceased, for Church Building Funds		$666 67

From Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis	$ 199 75	
" Tohickon Classical Church Building Fund	236 76	
" Riegelsville Classical Church Building Fund	500 00	
" Catharine Dietz, Church Building Fund	500 00	
" Eliza C. Knecht, Church Building Fund	500 00	
		$1,936 51

Received on account of Bond due Board by Synod of the U. S.:

From Lancaster Classis	$ 2 65	
" W. Susquehanna Classis	3 09	
" Lebanon Classis	9 00	
		$ 14 74

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Paid out during the year, viz:

Hazleton Pa., Mission	$ 15 00	
Sioux City, Iowa, Mission	10 00	
Steelton, Pa., Mission	200 00	
Altoona, Pa., Mission	50 00	
For Church Extension in Baltimore, Md	158 75	
Grace Church, York, Pa	50 00	
Grace Mission, Philadelphia	15 00	
Braddock Mission	5 00	
Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., for the Church of Strangers, Philadelphia	526 50	
Rev. G. Graedel for the Ballard, Washington, Mission	500 00	
Rev. M. L. Firor for the Sioux City, Iowa, Mission	450 00	
Loan to Steelton Mission Secured by Mortgage	1,000 00	
Paid for entering Mortgage	2 50	
Loan to Carolina A. Fremrell, secured by judgment	1,000 00	
Balance in the Treasury September 22, 1891	1,642 53	
		$5,625 28

Respectfully submitted, WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned auditors appointed to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined his account, compared the vouchers and find it correct as stated, and a balance of $2,526.49 in the general fund and $1,642.53 in Church Building Fund.

JNO. J. NISSLEY,
T. J. HACKER.

LANCASTER, PA., September 22, 1891.

NOTE—In addition to the receipts acknowledged in the body of this report the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of $500 from Mrs. Anna Keely of Spring City, Pa., to constitute the Joseph Keely Church Building Fund.

III. Secretary's Report—Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN—By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S., as its Secretary, I beg to submit to your most careful consideration and helpful action the following statement:

It is with profound gratitude to God that I am able to say our Foreign Work is going prosperously forward; souls are being con-

verted to Christ; the work is being extended; and God in his merciful Providence is beckoning us onward to enlarged operations and new conquests for His Kingdom. During the last year, however, our Missionaries report that, while the work has held its own, there has not been the same onward progress which signalized preceding years. At first the Japanese were carried away in their enthusiastic welcome to the Christian religion. It has since appeared that a large element in their enthusiasm was the thought that as the Christian nations were the most advanced in civilization and material prosperity, they would welcome their religion as a means of secular and governmental aggrandizement. At the same time their Buddhism had in some measure lost its hold upon the people, and its priests had grown indifferent. Now, however, the Japanese are preceiving that with the Missionaries, political and secular interests are altogether secondary to the salvation of the soul, and the promotion of man's spiritual interests, and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in their midst. Meanwhile the Buddhist priests are bestirring themselves to the assertion of their old religion. Together with these causes there was a widespread diversion of the people's minds from Christianity to political affairs, induced by the establishment of a constitutional government, and this was followed by a revival of the anti-foreign prejudice. All these causes combined led to an alienation of feeling from the Missionaries and Christianity. Even some of the converts grew cold and arrogant towards the foreigners, and manifested a disposition to set them at naught. I mention these things to explain why there was an arrest, during the last year, of Christian progress. But with all this, Christianity was able to hold its own, if it did not materially advance. Now, however, a favorable turn has taken place. The former spirit of confidence in the Missionaries is asserting itself, and the prospect of onward Christian progress is happily growing brighter. The kingdom of darkness has been fighting with the truth, but the truth is getting the upper hand again.

Both our schools are prospering; in the Girls' School 31 out of 38 pupils have embraced Christianity, and we have as many scholars in each as we can well care for with our present small teaching force. The number has been ranging from 30 to 40 scholars in each school. The Seminary building will be completed and occupied in September.

In the home church, however, for nearly a year past, there has been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board.

Only too many of our pastors seem to have no heart for Foreign Missions, and a great many of them, with their congregations, do not contribute a single cent. My observation and experience in visiting the churches, assure me that if the minister will earnestly present the cause, even when other calls are made upon them, the people will contribute—I know they will. When, therefore, a congregation gives nothing, whose fault is it? If even only one collection a year were taken in each congregation of the entire Church, the Board would be furnished with means sufficient to go forward and add to our teaching force—a matter of great importance—for we are overworking our Missionaries, and there is danger of their breaking down. The Board was induced by the shortage of receipts, (indeed we have been running behind for more than a year, and we are in debt about $10,000,) to anticipate Bro. Moore's furlough by one year, (he will be in this country the last of September,) that he may visit among our churches and arouse the missionary spirit again. The Mission begged the Board to send them a helper in his place, but it was out of our power to do so. Late letters show us that our remaining Missionaries often feel discouraged and disheartened in consequence of the church's continued neglect to fnrnish sufficient means to carry forward our encouraging work. By the action of the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod, we are enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the Girl's School, that society furnishing the means. The Board could not do it. She will sail October 25, 1891, from Vancouver.

And now, Dear Breathren, let us beg you in the name of Him who bled for heathen souls, as well as for ours, to take such effective action and steps as will save the Board the necessity of taking further backward steps. God is opening new doors and bidding us enter in, and we cannot, because the Church neglects to furnish the necessary means. Our own Church is the child of Foreign Missions. Men and means were sent here from the "Vaterland," and will we not do for others what our fathers did for us? God forbid that we should refuse!

May the Holy Spirit incline you to make a prompt response, and to render a constant systematic support to this blessed cause.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 26, 1891.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S. A., MAY, 1891.

	Organized Churches.	Self-supporting Churches.	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Received from Other Churches.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1			93	21	1		4	65			1	36				1	1		$ 72 00
Iwatsuki,	1		2	98	20	1		6	83			1	42				1			16 42
Matsubayashi,			1	40				2	42			1	40							13 40
Ozawa,			1	9			32		41			1	15							12 30
Bancho,	1	1	2	226	14		12	15	239			1	120			1				360 00
	3	1	6	466	55	2	44	27	470			5	253			1	2	1		$474 12
Sendai, Fukushima and Hobara, Nakamuta, Shiroishi, Ogawara, Watase, Tome, Yonegawa, Yamagata, Tsurugaaka,	4	1	8	729	3	5		86	807	1	41	13	509	1	31	5	5	2	3	$1018 25
Iwanuma,	1		1	101				3	104			1	30							146 54
Furukawa,	1			43				7	50			1	20							11 70
Ishinomaki,	1		1	76				2	78			1	15							9 50
Hakodate,	1	1	1	120				1	121			1	76							419 86
	8	2	11	1069	3	5		99	1160	1	41	17	650	1	31	5	5	2	3	$1603 85
Grand Total,	11	3	17	1535	58	7	44	126	1630	1	41	22	903	1	31	6	7	3	3	$2079 97

N. B.—The Mombetsu Church, 121 members, in the new distribution of work, is under the care of the Dutch Reformed Mission. This Church is, therefore, omitted in this year's report.

IV. A Communication from the Mission Board of the General Synod.

To the Eastern Synod.

BRETHREN: As is well known to you the General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., authorized the General Board to call Missionaries from Hungary to labor among the Hungarians of this country. Accordingly the Board called two Missionaries—Gustavus Jarany and John Kovacs. The former is stationed in Cleveland and now has two organized congregations, one in Cleveland and the other in Ashtabula, Ohio. Rev. Kovacs arrived in this country in July. He was assigned to Pittsburg and the Board finds in him an indefatigable worker. He has already organized two congregations—one in Pittsburgh and another in Beaver Falls. He is also arranging to organize one in McKeesport. To pay the salaries of these two men, with the travelling expenses that must be allowed them, the sum of not less than $1,800 will be required for the ensuing year. The General Board, therefore, requests your Synod to assume as much of the $1,800 as you deem your full share of the $1,800, making allowance for any delinquencies that may occur.

J. A. PETERS, *President of Board.*
E. R. ESCHBACH, *Secretary of Board.*
D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent of Missions.*

BELLEVUE, Ohio, October 6, 1891.

V. The Report on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions presented its report on Monday during the morning session. The report was received and considered item by item and finally adopted as a whole.

The report is as follows to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The Standing Committee on Missions begs leave to present its report as follows:

Six different documents have been referred to your Committee.

1. The report of the Board of Misssons of the Reformed Church, signed by the Superintendent of Missions, A. C. Whitmer.

2. The report of the Treasurer of this Board, Wm. H. Seibert.

3. A report of the Board of Foreign Missions, signed by S. N. Callender, Secretary of the Board.

4. A report concerning the missionary work among Hungarians from the Board of General Synod, signed by its officers.

5. A paper on a deficit due to General Board from the Eastern Synod for the support of Harbor Missionary, signed by D. S. Fouse, Missionary Superintendent of General Synod.

6. A paper on Scholarship in the Training School of Sendai.

The Board of Home Missions reports cheering progress in all branches of its work, for which we owe devout thanks to the great Head of the Church. The salaries of the missionaries have been regularly paid. Some Missions have become self-supporting. Some Missions have been enrolled, located in centers of influence. The blessing of God has been resting on the labors of Missionaries.

The work is enlarging year by year, and larger gifts are needed.

This Synod is asked to apportion $13,000 for Missions, and $2,500 for Church building. We propose the following action.

1. That this Synod assume the payment of $14,000 for Missions and the sum of $2,500 as proposed for Church Building; and that these sums be apportioned among the Classes as follows:

CLASSES.	MISSIONS.	CHURCH BUILDING.
East Pennsylvania	1,443.00	250.00
Lebanon	1,890.00	330.00
Philadelphia	539.00	170.00
Lancaster	900.00	160,00
East Susquehanna	889.00	150.00
West Susquehanna	889.00	150.00
Goshenhoppen	1,335.00	230.00
Tohickon	1,335.00	220.00
Lehigh	2,003.00	360.00
Schuylkill	1,888.00	330.00
Wyoming	889.00	150.00

3. In the name of the Master this Synod admonishes every Classis to take requisite measures to pay its apportionments promptly, that the Treasury may not be embarrassed by delays, and to regard the appointments as the minimum amount of offerings that the people ought to lay on the altar of the Gospel for this cause.

4. That we ask Classes to endeavor to promote the increased circulation of the "Missionary Guardian" and a wide distribution of the Board's Tract on "Our Church Building Funds."

The *receipts* of the Treasurer from all sources for Missions dur-

ing the year have been $21,075.60, and the disbursements $18,-549.11; leaving a balance of $2,526.49. Receipts for Church Building Fund, $5,625.28; disbursements, $3,982.75; balance in hand, $1,642.53.

The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited by a Committee and found to be correct. The thanks of Synod are due Elder Seibert for his long and faithful services.

It is matter for thankfulness that the membership of the Church is responding to the scheme of Church Building Funds. Sixteen of these Funds, each of $500, are now held by the Board.

Resolved, That we recognize the value and endorse the wisdom of this method for aiding weak churches in the erection of houses of worship.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions has received our thoughtful consideration, and we propose the following action.

1. The Synod recognizes the solemnity of the crisis through which the Ghrstian Churches of Japan have been passing during these last years; yet rejoices to know that "Christianity was able to hold its own," and that the present outlook is hopeful for all branches of missionary work, and particularly for the Training School and the Girls' School of the Reformed Church at Sendai.

2. That we rejoice to know that by the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, the Board was enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional Teacher in the Girls' School at Sendai.

3. That we have learned with deep concern that the income of the Foreign Board has not kept pace with its growing needs, and that the Treasury is even in debt about $10,000.

4. That this Synod most earnestly commends the needs of our Foreign Board to every Classis, every consistory, every pastor, and every family of the Reformed Church, and it directs that the claims to sympathy and support of this great work be presented to each congregation at least once during this fall or the coming winter, and that the people be given an opportunity to make a free-will offering.

In response to the application of our General Board of Home Missions made to this Synod to assume its proportion of $1,800

for the support of Missions among the Hungarians in this country, your Committee has, agreeably to directions, apportioned the sum of $1,000 among the Classes:

East Pennsylvania	$100.00
Lebanon	132.00
Philadelphia	68.00
Lancaster	64.00
East Susquehanna	60.00
West Susquehanna	60.00
Goshenhoppen	92.00
Tohickon	88.00
Lehigh	144.00
Schuylkill	132.00
Wyoming	60.00

As regards Harbor Missions your Committee on examination finds that in 1890 the following sums were unpaid:

East Pennsylvania	$ 81.00
Lebanon	108.00
Philadelphia	35.00
East Susquehanna	13.00
Lehigh	77.00

Your Committee has also weighed the action of Lebanon and Philadelphia Classes. In response to these Classes, and respecting Harbor Missions in general, we propose this action:

WHEREAS, In the judgment of the Reformed Church the Christian work known as Harbor Missions is an important and an eminently wise part of Church activity, this Synod commends it to the prayerful consideration of the entire Church, requesting the aforesaid Classes to review their action, and in the interest of the immigrant brethren of our common faith ask all that are delinquent to assume and cancel arrearages.

On Sendai Scholarships the Rev. Calvin U. Heilman presented a paper, which we incorporate in this report.

I offer in behalf of a layman of the Reformed Church in your Synod, that as soon as the Reformed Church shall have paid the debt now resting on the new Seminary in Sendai, Japan, and the five thousand dollars borrowed by the Board for current expenses—he will at once pay $1,000 to endow the first scholarship in the aforesaid Theological Seminary.

The obligation for this $1,000, as stated by Brother Heilman, is now in his possession, therefore we propose the following action:

Inasmuch as this donation is contingent on the cancelling of the

debts of the Foreign Board—it strongly appeals to the love of God's people for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, in Japan and the exigences of our work in this land, should constrain them to come to its support with similar gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., having removed beyond the bounds of this Synod, and having tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Home Missions, which was accepted, a ballot was taken to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the election of Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, of Easton, Pa.

The following resolution was adopted relating to Foreign Missions:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the Board of Foreign Missions has inaugurated a movement, by which the various Classes by raising $500 each, pay off the debt of the Foreign Board, we therefore, earnestly commend this movement to the various Classes, and urge them, if possible. to fall in with the proposition.

VI. The Report of the Special Committee on Unification of Home Missions.

With item 4 of Report on Minutes of Synod, having reference to the Unification of Missions, the report of the Special Committee was read; 200 copies were ordered to be printed, and its further consideration was made the order of the day, when an item in the Minutes of Classis on the same subject is under consideration. The report received the further consideration of Synod on Saturday, during the morning session. It was taken up item by item, and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Rev. Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHERN: Your Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of this Synod in the City of Reading, "to aid in hastening the unification of our Home Missions," would respectfully offer the following report:

It will be remembered that the Committee whose report is now presented was first called into existence during the sessions of the

Synod at Reading for the purpose of considering the plan submitted by the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, to the several District Synods as a basis for the unification of the Home Mission work under the said General Synod's Board. After the presentation and adoption of the report of the Committee as at first constituted, the Committee was appointed with the addition of two members from the so-called "Tri-Synodic Board." Two things may be assumed as involved in this action: First, an earnest desire on the part of Synod to bring all our home Missionary operations under the care of the General Synod's Board as speedily as possible. Secondly the existence of real or supposed difficulties in the way of such unification, which the Synod felt ought to be removed so that the change when effected should be a real advance on the old order of things, insuring hearty co-operation, unity of purpose, and increased liberality in the support of Home Missions throughout the Church.

The members of your Committee, accordingly, by conference among themselves, and with both the General and Bi-Synodic Board, endeavored to ascertain how the purpose for which the Committee was appointed could best be carried out. It is believed that these conferences have not been in vain, and that the consideration of the subject of unification by the friends of Missions, both in the Eastern and the Potomac Synod, during the year has helped very greatly to prepare the way for definite action at this time.

To insure the successful prosecution of Home Missions, mutual confidence on the part of the members of the different portions of the Church in each other, is above all things necessary. When our Missions are to be transferred, therefore, to the General Synod's Board, it must be an act of faith; and faith makes no conditions. At the same time it may be assumed that it is incumbent upon this Synod to provide for the new order of things in such a way that the confidence and liberality of the people may be challenged to the highest degree, and the Missionary operations of the Church be managed with the greatest efficiency. For this reason your Committee gave the plan, submitted by the General Board, careful consideration, and, approving of nearly all its features, would respectfully offer the following suggestions:

1. WHEREAS the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions

is of the greatest importance, and the election of its members is vested in the General Synod, we recommend that this Synod respectfully overture the General Synod so to constitute the Board of Home Missions that the members may be geographically as near to each other as practicable, and at the same time that they shall represent as fully as possible the portions of the Church, from which is received the largest financial support for the cause of Home Missions.

2. Inasmuch as the plan submitted by the General Board contemplates the existence of Advisory Boards in the several District Synods; we recommend that these Advisory Boards have their duties and functions clearly defined, such as examining new territory, suggesting new points and Missionaries for them, proposing means to the General Board for the prosecution of the work, and taking a general oversight of the Missions in their own territory.

3. We recommend that while the General Board of Home Missions shall have control and management of all the Home Missionary interests of the Church, it shall take counsel, in its operations with the District Synod's Boards with reference to the work in their respective Synods; and while the ultimate decision as to the establishment of a new Mission is to rest with the General Board, the judgment of District Boards as to the proprierty of establishing new Missions within their bounds shall be carefully considered by the General Board.

4. Whenever several District Synods choose to operate conjointly through one Board as advisory to the General Board we recommend that they be permitted to do so; and we recommend that the Bi-Synodic Board be continued as an Advisory Board.

5. We recommend that, until otherwise ordered by the District Synods, their Boards hold the invested funds now in their hands, paying the income to the Treasurer of the General Board as soon as the Missions now under their case are transferred.

6. We recommend that the Rev. A. C. Whitmer be retained as Missionary Superintendent for the district covered by the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

7. We recommend the transfer of the Missions under the care of the Bi-Synodic Board to the care of the General Synod's Board as soon as the details for such transfer shall have been arranged between the two Boards, and we recommend the con-

tinuance of the compact between the Eastern and the Potomac Synods. modified, however, so as to meet the requirements of the new relations.

8. For the purpose of carrying into effect the preceding recommendations, we suggest that a joint meeting of the two Boards be held during the month of January, 1892, at such time and place as may be agreed upon by correspondence between the officers of the two Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, ELLIS N. KREMER,
C. S. GERHARD, C. W. LEVAN,
JOHN W. BICKEL, *Committee.*

OCTOBER 23, 1891.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. Both Reports, with the exception of several items contained in the report of Trustees of Synod, having reference to vacancies in the Board, were referred to the Committee on Finance. The items with reference to vacancies were referred to the Committee on Nominations. The following are the reports:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees beg leave to offer the following report:

1. The Treasurer of Synod submitted his report Oct. 19. We compared the several amounts paid out with vouchers and found the account correct. There remains in the Contigent Fund a balance of $392.54.

2. We feel constrained again to call your attention to the unpaid pledges and apportionments of Synod for Wichita University. Something more than one-fourth, $120, of Synod's apportionment, was paid. The pledges remain unpaid.

3. The Board as now constituted consists of the following persons: Elder D. B. Mauger, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1892; Hon. G. Z. Stitzel, whose term expires Jan. 1 1894; Rev. H. Mosser, whose term expires Jan., 1895; Rev. J. F. Moyer, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1896.

Rev. G. B. Resser last April removed beyond the bounds ot Synod, and by such removal, according to the Charter, he vacates the office of Trustee. The term expires Jan 1, 1893.

4. The term of office of Elder D. B. Mauger expires Jan. 1, 1892.

According to the provisions of the Charter we nominate Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, and Elder Reuben Riegner, Pottstown, one of whom shall be elected his successor.

5. We also nominate the following: Rev. O. P. Steckel, Lebanon, and Rev. A. J. Bachman, Schafferstown, one of whom shall be elected to fill the unexpired term, ending Jan. 1. 1893.

By instruction. Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *President of Board of Trustees.*

READING, Oct. 21, 1891.

JOHN F. MOYER, *Treasurer, in account with Easteru Synod of Reformed Church in the United States.*

CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.

1891.			**Dr.**	
May	8.	Cash from	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis,	$82.00
"	25.	"	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster, Classis,	40.00
June	1.	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susquehanna Classis,	35.00
July	1.	"	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis,	88.00
Aug.	20.	"	T. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis,	63.00
Sept.	14.	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis,	13.76
Oct.	7.	"	H. C. Hoover, Tr. Phila. Classis,	40.00–361.76
1890.			**Cr.**	
Oct.	14.	Balance due the Treasurer,		63.92
1891.				
May	28.	Cash paid C. G. Gross, Tr. General Synod,		122.00
Sept.	14.	" " " " "		135.00
Oct.	13.	" " " " "		40.84–361.76

Contingent Fund Account.

1890.			**Dr.**	
Oct.	14.	Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$344.16
Nov.	18.	Cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis,		48.00
1891.				
Jan.	13.	" " " " "		29.00
Feb.	7.	" " " " "		13.84
May	25.	"	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis,	42.00

July 1.	"	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis,	$ 90.00	
Aug. 15.	"	Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susq. Classis,	79.00	
Sept. 10.	"	I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis,	65.00	
" 11.	"	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis,	84.00	
" 14.	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis	39.00	
" 16.	"	Rev. W. A. Haas,, Tr. West Susquehanna Classis,	37.00	
Oct. 7.	"	H. C. Hoover, Tr. Phila. Classis,	42.00	—913.00

1890. **Cr.**

Oct. 19.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk Salary,	150.00	
" 30.	" Rev. H. Mosser, use of Church and Services Sexton, meeting of Synod, Reading	20.75	
1891.			
Jan. 30.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk, bill of expenses,	38.82	
Feb. 3.	" Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk, postage expenses,	8.86	
Apr. 27.	" Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account, printing Minutes,	150.00	
July 3.	" Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, balance, printing Minutes,	152.03	
Oct. 17.	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	392.54	—913.00

Wichita University Fund.

1890. **Dr.**

Dec. 10.	Cash from Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis,	$25.00	
1891.			
May 18.	Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penn. Classis	31.30	
"	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susq. Classis,	22.00	
June 29.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penn. Classis,	16.90	
July 1.	" Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis,	25.00	—120.20

1891. **Cr.**

Jan. 8.	Paid J. J. Nissley on account of loan,	25.00	
Sep. 14.	" " " "	95.20	—120.20

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

1890. **Dr.**

Dec. 30.	Cash from Harrisburg City bonds, 6 months interest, Gerhart legacy,	$ 9.00	
1891.			
Mar. 5.	" J. W. Mish, Tr., 6 months interest, Cook legacy,	30.00	
Mar. 24.	" A. & L. Mountz, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	112.50	
Apr. 2.	" J. J. Bishop, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	125.00	
June 29.	" Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 months interest, Gerhart legacy,	9.00	

Sept. 14.	"	J. W. Mish, Tr., 6 months interest, Cook legacy,	$ 30.00	
Oct. 2.	"	J. J. Bishop, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	125.00	
"	"	A. & L. Mountz, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	112.50	—553.00

1891. **Cr.**

Apr. 27.	Paid John B. Roth, Tr. Theological Seminary, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	237.50		
"	Six months interest, Cook legacy,	30.00		
Oct. 2.	Paid John B. Roth, Tr. Theological Seminary, 6 months interest, Kieffer legacy,	237.50		
"	Six months interest, Cook legacy,	30.00		
"	Paid Joseph L. Lemberger, Tr. Foreign Missions, 12 months interest on $100, Gerhart legacy,	6.00		
"	Paid W. H. Seibert, Tr. Home Missions, 12 months interest on $100, Gerhart legacy,	6.00		
"	Paid Chas. G. Fisher, Tr. Board of Education, 12 months interest on $100, Gerhart legacy,	6.00		$553.00

Harbor Missions.

1891. **Dr.**

Oct. 2.	Cash from Rev. Jno. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis,	$140.00	—140.00

Cr.

" 13.	Cash paid Chas. Santee, Tr.,	140.00	—$140.00

Arrearages.

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	District Synod Contingent Fund.	Wichita University	Bohemian Church Fund.	Harbor Mission Fund.	Bond to Home Mission Board.
East Penna,	78.00	80.00	35.80		211.00	
Lebanon,	86.00	88.00			258.00	
Philadelphia,			52.00	18.00	105.00	14.00
Lancaster,					70.00	
East Susq.,	101.00	39.00	52.00	9.50	73.00	15.00
West Susq.,					60.00	
Goshenhoppen,	57.00	59.00			90.00	
Tohickon,			80.00		100.00	
Lehigh,			51.00	30.00	227.00	
Schuylkill,						
Wyoming,	23.24		13.00		60.00	
	345.74	266.00	283.80	57.50	1254.00	29.00

We, the undersigned, examined the Treasurer's Report, compared vouchers and fouud it correct as stated.

READING, PA., Oct. 19, 1891.

D. B. MAUGER,
H. MOSSER.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting this, my first annual report, I beg to call attention to the fact that there is due Wichita University, $500. There is outstanding on apportionment for this object $283.80, on pledges unpaid $36.370. During the year not anything has been paid on the pledges and only $120.20 on apportionment.

Unless the pledges and arrearages are paid for this object, Synod should make some other provision for the balance of this loan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOYER, *Treasurer*

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report. It was received, considered item by item and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance would offer the following report:

The items referred to us were:

1. Items 1 and 2 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

2. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

3. Wyoming Classis declines to accept $13 of Synod's pledge to Witchita University.

4. Philadelphia Classis decided to pay funds for Hungarian Missions direct to Treasurer of General Synod's Board.

5. Philadelphia and Wyoming Classes request to be excused from accepting appointments for Home Missions and Church Extension under Bi-synodic Board.

Item 1. Your Committeee would suggest that inasmuch as there is no apportionment to be made for Harbor Missions this year, Synod asks all Classes in arrears on assessments, and all unpaid apportionments, to pay their arrearages, and, if they do not pay them, state their reasons for not complying with the order of Synod.

Item 2. The Treasurer reports delinquencies on loan for Witchita University to the amount of $500. The Committee recommends that Synod hereby calls the attention of Classes, charges and in-

dividual to the fact, that the amount apportioned to them, and pledged by them, are legal debts, and requests them to make immediate payment of the same.

Items 3. Synod asks all Classes to pay their arrearages on apportionments, and, if they do not pay them, state their reasons for not complying with the order of Synod.

Item 4. Inasmuch as the Synod at Allentown requested the Classes to instruct their respective Treasurers to pay certain of Synod's various apportionments to Synod's Treasurer, this Synod requests that the apportionment for Hungarian Missions also be paid to Synod's Treasurer.

Item 5. Synod does not see its way clear to excuse any Classis from paying regularly made apportionments, and therefore reiterates its action of last year, recorded on page 79 of its Minutes, namely, that those Classes, which decline to comply with the requests of Synod, touching apportionments for benevolent and educational purposes, be kindly and earnestly requested, for the Glory of God and the honor of Synod, to reconsider their action.

Item 6. The following Classes are in arrears in amounts and for purposes as follows:

(*a*) *Arrearages.*

Classes.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	District Synod Contigent Fund.	Witchita University.	Bohemian Church Fund.	Harbor Mission Fund.	Bond to Home Mission Board.
East Pennsylvania,	$78.00	$80.00	$ 35.80	$	$ 211.00	$
Lebanon,	86.00	88.00			258.00	
Philadelphia,			52.00	18 00	105.00	14.00
Lancaster,					70.00	
East Susquehanna,	11.50	39.00	52.00	9.50	73.00	15.00
West Susquehanna,					60.00	
Goshenhoppen,	57.00	59.00			90.00	
Tohickon,			80.00		100.00	
Lehigh,			51.00	30.00	227.00	
Schuylkill,						
Wyoming,	23.24		13.00		60.00	
	$345.74	$266.00	$283.80	$57.50	$1,254.00	$29.00

Total Arrearages, $2,236.04.

Item 7. Since nothing has been paid on Bohemian Church Fund during the past Synodical year, and this Synod is the only delinquent, Synod earnestly requests the Classes in arrears to make early payment of the same.

Item 8. Inasmuch as but one Classis of this Synod has paid anything on Harbor Missions during the past year, Synod urgently requests the early payment of these arrearages, as also the arrearages on District Synod Contigent Fund.

Item 9. Your Committee recommend the following apportionment :

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	Eastern Synod Contingent Fund.	Teacher of Elocution.
East Pennsylvania,	$ 78.00	$ 84.00	$ 12.00
Lebanon,	86.00	92.00	14.00
Philadelphia,	40.00	45.00	3.00
Lancaster,	40.00	45.00	7.00
East Susquehanna,	37.00	42.00	6.00
West Susquehanna,	35.00	40.00	6.00
Goshenhoppen,	57.00	62.00	9.00
Tohickon,	63.00	68.00	10.00
Lehigh,	88.00	94.00	14.00
Schuylkill,	82.00	88.00	13.00
Wyoming,	37.00	42.00	6.00
	$ 643.00	$ 702.00	$ 100.00

H. Y. STONER, *Chairman*, B. B. FERER,
S. H. EISENBERG, J. NEGLEY.

At an election held during the morning session on Monday for members of the Board of Trustees of Synod, Mr. J. J. Nissley was chosen for a term of five years and Rev. O. P. Steckel for a term of one year.

Bills were presented to Synod for services rendered by the following persons to the following amounts: Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, $6.10 ; Rev. E. N. Kremer, $1.05 ; Mr. D. S. Keller, $9.17 ; Rev. T. O. Stem, $6.43 ; Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, $9.78 ; Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, $3.40; Rev. E. N. Kremer, $2.95 ; Mr. Jno. W. Bickel, 1.64 ; Rev. C. W. Levan, $2.16 ; Rev. Jno. S. Stahr, $3.36 ; Printing Report on Missions, $5.50.

The officers of Synod were instructed to grant orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the above amounts.

An order for $20 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. E. N. Kremer, Pastor of Reformed Salem Church Harrisburg, Pa., for expenses incurred during the Sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XIV.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to the several items, contained in the report, under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

The Appeal of Rev. C. H. Mutchler from the action of East Susquehanna Classis, brought to the attention of Synod in the Report on Minutes of Classes, was referred to a special Committee, composed of Revs. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Jas. I. Good and Elder P. A. Roth, to examine whether the appeal be in order, and if found in order, to propose an order of trial. Subsequently the Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted to wit:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers, regarding the appeal of the Rev. C. H. Mutchler from the action of East Susquehanna Classis, in the matter of defining the boundary line between the Augusta and Sunbury charges, beg leave to report:

That the appeal is in order, the appellant having in all particulars conformed to the requirements of the Constitution.

First. Your Committee recommend that the Appellant and Respondent be allowed each 20 minutes to represent his side of the question at issue, and that the following order be observed:

1. That the Appellant have 10 minutes to open the case.
2. That the Respondent have his full time of 20 minutes to reply.
3. That the Appellant have 10 minutes to close the discussion.

Secondly. That so soon as the Appellant and Respondent have been heard, the Synod shall without debate proceed to vote by calling the roll.

Thirdly. That 2 o'clock this Monday afternoon be appointed to hear the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The appeal was tried in accordance with the foregoing order. Rev. C. H. Mutchler, defending the case as Appellant and Rev. C. B. Schneder defending the action of East Susquehanna Classis, after which hearing the vote was taken with the following results:

Yeas.—Revs. W. F. More, T. A. Huber, J. B. Henry, G. W.

Williard, Frances C. Yost, R. G. Zartman, E. C. Hibshman, S. H. Eisenberg, Jas. I. Good, R. W. Miller, D. W. Ebbert, Geo. D. Fahrenbach, C. M. Bower, Jas. Negley, Daniel Miller, P. A. Roth, Daniel Clinger, Geo. S. Sorber, Isaac T. Brown, Isaiah C. Gerhart, H. C. Hoover, A. J. Baker, A. D. Simpson, W. B. Fluck, R. H. Kramm, Alem Mauser, M. J. Riegel, 27.

Nays.—Revs. Thos. C. Leinbach, Wm. J. Kershner, Jos. H. Dubbs, Jno. F. Moyer, Jno. P. Stein, Wm. H. Haas, Geo. W. Gerhard, C. S. Gerhard, D. E. Schoedler, Henry Knauss, J. W. Bickel, Jacob Kehn, 12.

Non liquet.—Revs. T. O. Stem, E. V. Gerhart, Jno. M. Souder, Jas. L. Roush, C. S. Wieand, L. C. Sheip, M. H. Dieffenderfer, 7.

The main argument, on which Synod rested its decision in favor of the Appellant, was, that the Augusta Charge, which felt itself aggrieved by the action adopted by East Susquehanna Classis in determining the boundary line between the Sunbury and Augusta Charges had not been officially informed of such an intention, and consequently had no opportunity of being heard by Classis in the case prior to the taking of such action.

In the 2nd item of Report on Minutes of Classes, East Pennsylvania Classis, under the head of Requests, petitions Synod to Overture General Synod to add a column to the table of statistics, wherein to record the death of unconfirmed members. In response to this request, Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That it is not deemed advisable to add another column to the Statistical table.

In the 6th item, under the heads of requests, in the Report on Minutes of Classes, Synod is asked by Wyoming Classis to correct an alleged irregularity whereupon the following action was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod does not see its way open to grant the request of Wyoming Classis, but on account of the circumstances the Stated Clerk is hereby exhonerated from any blame in the case.

On Item 4, under the head of Subjects Referred, in the Report on Minutes of Classes, having reference to the action of

Wyoming Classis, requesting a discontinuance of the apportionment for Teacher of Elocution, the following action was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod cannot at present comply with the request of Wyoming Classis to discontinue the apportionment for the salary of a Teacher of Elocution in the Theological Seminary.

Synod directs the attention of West Susquehanna Classis to the ommission of the number of officers and teachers of its Sunday Schools in the statistical table, and hereby requests the Ministers of the aforesaid Classis to fill out the same in their next annual report to Synod.

Ordination of Licentiate Wm. H. Stubblebein.

The 5th item under the head of Irregularities in the Report on the Minutes of Classes, was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. D. E. Klopp, H. M. Kieffer and Elder Daniel Miller, who presented the following report on Monday during the afternoon session, which was adopted, to wit:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the ordination and installation of Wm. H. Stubblebein, begs leave to report the following:

1st. That the Committee appointed to ordain and install a brother, cannot delegate its authority.

2nd. The Philadelphia Classis seriously erred in adopting the suggestion to condone the irregularity committed in the case, as the Classis has no right to set aside any Constitutional provision for preservation of order.

3d. The Synod, notwithstanding the above irregularity, recognizes and confirms as valid, the ordination and installation of Licentiate Wm. H. Stubblebein.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. Klopp, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing concerning this subject was brought to the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

In connection with the 5th item, in the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk and was adopted.

Report on Publishing the Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had printed in accordance with instructions, thirty-three hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Sessions of Synod bound in pamphlet form, and distributed the same in accordance with the rules of Synod in the case. The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication House, at a price lower than that of several competitors. The cost for printing and binding was $259.97, or at the rate of 7 4-5 cents per copy.

The Stated Clerk had likewise published in pamphlet form 10,000 copies of the Report on Ministerial Support in the English language, and 5,000 copies in the German. The same were distributed among the several Classes, and in accordance with the instructions of Synod, the Stated Clerks of the Classes were requested to deliver the same into the hands of the elders for distribution among the members of their respective congregations. The cost for printing these reports was forty dollars. The bills were forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod and duly paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHILIP STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Annual Report of Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States.

The annual report of the Publication Board for the year ending September 10, 1891, was read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States begs to submit to the Synods named, this, its annual Report.

During the year just ended one meeting was called, namely, the regular annual meeting for September 2nd, 1891. In the absence of a quorum at this meeting, the Executive Committee (the full committee being present) authorized the officers of the Board to prepare and issue the annual Report.

The books of the publisher and lessee were examined and verified by a member of the Executive Committee, and the receipts being within the limit of $40,000, the Treasurer received the quarterly installment of $300 in accordance with the agreement between the lessee and the three Synods, as appears in the following report of the Treasurer of the Board, Geo. W. Hensel:

Sept. 4th. 1890.	To balance in his hands as per last report	$3,047.38
Oct. 7th, 1890.	To cash received for interest	17.88
Nov. 1st, 1890.	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending Oct. 1st, 1890	300.00
Feb. 8th, 1891.	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., for quarter ending Jan. 1st, 1891	300.00
Feb. 14th, 1891.	" " received for interest	60.62
Mar. 30th, 1891.	" " " " "	70.00
May 9th, 1891.	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., for quarter ending April 1st, 1891	300.00
Aug. 17th, 1891.	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending July, 1st, 1891	300.00
	Total in hands of the Treasurer	$4,395.88

The contract made with the lessee is now approaching the end of the fourth year of its existence, and the operations under it and the results financially furnish a basis for a reasonably accurate computation of the amount to become available at the expiration of the lease, either for extending your publications under existing conditions, or for again assuming their entire management and financial responsibility should such a doubtful experiment be again deemed advisable by the three Synods.

It should be remembered and clearly impressed upon every individual connected with our Church, for there seems to be a great misconception of the facts, that the various publications issued by the lessee are, and will remain the property of the three Synods, they having parted with them only for a term under a lease, similar in all respects to a landlord with a dwelling, and deriving a stipulated annual consideration therefor. For our publication the con-

sideration cannot be less than $1,200 per annum, but may be made materially larger through the hearty co-operation of every one within the bounds of the three Synods.

Independent of this palpable and very potent reason for enthusiastic support, there should exist a strong pride in every individual to extend the literature of his Church, to enlarge the columns of its papers, and thereby to attract to its pages the fruits of the best and broadest minds.

Again, the contract made by the three Synods with the lessee imposes a legal as well as a moral obligation to support this particular interest to the exclusion of every other. It requires very little reflection to appreciate the justice and wisdom of such a contract, for under any other terms its disposal for a guaranteed consideration would have been impossible.

There exists still another reason for an undivided and ardent interest in your authorized publications, namely, the recognized merit of the various periodicals themselves. The Board has courted information and criticisms on these, and can confidently state that the opinion is all but unanimous, that the several publications in their contents and form are excellent and far in advance of what they were in former years.

Even those who doubted the wisdom of leasing this interest are giving their words of commendation, and recognizing the advantages of the present over the former system. There would seem to be every reason to labor unitedly for its support and none to remain lukewarm or to encourage any other interest.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire Jan. 1st, 1892: B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburg Synod, and G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*,

EDW. J. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 10th, 1891.

The standing committee on Publication, to whom the annual report of the Publication Board was referred, submitted its report, during the session of Monday forenoon.

The same was received and acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your committee on Publication beg leave to offer the following

report. The only document referred to your Committe is the annual report of the Publication Board :

From this report we learn the following facts :

1. That our publication interests are in a healthy condition, and that the contract between the lessee and the Board has been faithfully carried out.

2. That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the current year amounts to $4,395.88, being an increase this year of $1,348.50.

In view of the foregoing we recommend the following for adoption.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices over the growing prosperity of our publication interests as indicated by the increasing balance in the hands of its Treasurer.

Resolved, That this Synod recognizing the binding force of its contract with the lessee, urges upon all its pastors and congretions the moral and legal obligation to honor the terms of the contract made by them and for them through the Synod with the lessee.

Resolved, That this Synod again commends the periodicals of the Publication House to the patronage of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON F. MORE, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have thirty-three hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and to distubute the same among those entitled to receive them.

Rev. Jonathan H. Pannebecker was re-elected as Synodical Editor for a term of three years.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In connection with the first item in the report on minutes of Synod, in regard to investing the Synod of Potomac with certain legal rights in the Theological Seminary, the following report from a Special Committee appointed, a year ago, was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

To the Rev. Eastern Synod:

Your Committee, appointed by the Eastern Synod, at its meeting in Reading, Pa., in October, 1890, to confer with a similar committee previously appointed by the Synod of the Potomac, to the end that arrangements might be made, if possible, by which the Synod of the Potomac might be invested with the legal right to elect directly the incumbent of the Chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster, Pa., as also to secure to the said Synod of the Potomac, other claimed rights, begs leave to report:

That the two Committees designated above met in conference in the city of Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 10, 1891, and organized jointly by the election of the Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, chairman, and Rev. E. N. Kremer, secretary. After a careful examination into the matter committed to it for consideration, and a free interchange of views and opinions, it was felt that the subject-matter involved grave legal questions, touching the charter of the Seminary, etc., and it was deemed best to refer the legal questions involved to the careful consideration of D. S. Keller, Esq., a member of the joint committee, who is learned in the law; and that an adjournment should be taken, subject to the call of the Chairman. A second meeting, at the call of the Chairman, was appointed to convene at Chambersburg, Pa.; on October 13, 1891, at which two of your committee were present. A quorum however failed to attend this meeting. All that your committee, consequently, is prepared for at this time, is to report progress, and ask to be continued, or a new committee to be raised, for the further consideration and examination of the whole interest involved.

Your committee would further beg leave to report that it was *unofficially* learned that the Synod of Pittsburg, at its meeting in Latrobe, Pa., in October, 1891, appointed a Committee of Conference, asking the Eastern and the Potomac Synods each to raise a similar committee, to confer together for the purpose of unifying and consolidating the educational interest of the three Synods under one corporation—these educational interests to include the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pa.

Your committee would therefore beg your reverend body to further instruct it as to your will in the premises—to enlarge the scope

of its power—or take such action, generally, as in your wisdom is deemed necessary or expedient in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. KREMER, S. G. WAGNER,
D. S. KELLER.

The above is substantially a copy of the report made to the Synod of the Potomac by the chairman of its committee, and adopted as the report of the Joint Committee.

The Educational Policy of Pittsburgh Synod.

A communication concerning the educational policy of Pittsburg Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures. The communication reads as follows, to wit:

The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod, to define the educational policy of Pittsburgh Synod, beg leave to report the following plan and recommend its adoption, and that suitable legislation be enacted from time to time to carry it out.

1. We recognize the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster, Pa., as the Theological Seminary of this Synod. We direct our students for the Ministry to pursue their studies there and give this school of the Prophets, in whose Board of Trustees we now have three members and to whose Board of Visitors two of our ministers belong, our most hearty moral and financial support.

2. We recognize Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, as the College of this Synod, and advise all our young men to take their college course in this institution; and we recommend the College at Lancaster to our wealthy members, as a school in every way worthy of their gifts and bequests, to the end that it may be more liberally endowed and that it may become more and more efficient from year to year.

3. In case it should be the good pleasure of the Eastern Synod, which now has possession and sole control of the College at Lancaster, to recognize the joint ownership of this Synod in the property and to give us a proper representation in its management, such a disposition will be most grateful to us, and we will readily assume both the privileges and responsibilities which such joint ownership and control will involve.

We have not forgotten the fact that the Church in the bounds of

our Synod formerly belonged to the Eastern Synod, and shared in the ownership and control of both Seminary and College, now at Lancaster, and that in recent years these institutions received a valuable bequest from our portion of the Church. In view of these and of the action herein before recommended, it is resolved that this Synod do now appoint a committee of three of their members to confer with similar committees from the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and we direct said joint committee to formulate a plan by which such changes in the charters of the College and Seminary at Lancaster may be made as shall provide for the joint ownership and management of these institutions by the three Synods interested.

A copy of this action shall be communicated to the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and they are asked to appoint committees to confer with the Committee of Pittsburgh Synod above named, with reference to the matters hereinbefore mentioned.

This communication concerning the educational policy of the Pittsburgh Synod, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. T. O. Stem, J. E. Hiester, R. W. Miller, Elders C. M. Bower and C. C. Leader, who subsequently presented the following report which was taken up item by item, and finally adopted.

Your special committee, to whom was referred the request of Pittsburgh Synod, begs leave to report:

That inasmuch as the churches of the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods constituted formerly a part of the Eastern Synod (then known as the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States) and as this has been tacitly recognized by the courtesy of allowing them to nominate a certain proportion of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pa.

And inasmuch as by the action of this Synod at its last annual session, p. 36-40, a committee of three was appointed at the request of Potomac Synod, to confer with a similar committee, appointed by the said Potomac Synod, for the purpose of reaching an agreement by which the Synod of the Potomac may be admitted to such a share in the legal corporation as will secure to her her rights in the Theological Seminary, located at Lancaster.

Your Committee in view of these facts therefore recommend

1. That two members—one minister and one layman, be added

to the Committee, viz: Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner, Rev. E. N. Kremer and Elder D. S. Keller, appointed by this Synod at its last annual sessions, and that this committee of five act in conjunction with similar committee of the Potomac and Pittsburg Synods.

2. That this joint-committee be empowered to formulate a plan to make such changes in the charters of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., as may be necessary to give a joint-ownership in the property of said institutions, and a proportionate representation in the several Boards of said Theological Seminary and said College.

3. That this joint-committee report the plan and such changes as may be necessary to secure the desired rights to the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods in the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Pa, at the next annual session of this body. T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*

The two additional members appointed on the Committee to secure for Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods legal rights in the control of the institutions at Lancaster are Rev. T. O. Stem and Hon. Jno. W. Bickel.

With item 7 of the Report on Overtures, having reference to furnishing Synod with a correct Ministerial roll on the table of statistics from the several Classes, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, the annual statistical reports of the Classes do not correspond with the actual facts, because of the time elapsing and changes occurring between the annual meetings of the Classes, and the annual sessions of Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to direct their respective Stated Clerks, in their annual reports to the Synod, to make the Ministerial roll to agree with any changes, which have occurred during the time intervening between the annual stated meeting of Classis and the annual sessions of Synod.

In the Report on Minutes of Classes in item 1, under the head of Requests, East Pennsylvania Classis respectfully requests this Synod to overture General Synod, to take action on the evil of pastors residing without the bounds of their charges. Synod adopted the item, and overtures General Synod to give a deliverance on this subject.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session on Monday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted. Synod proceeded immediately to the election of Trustees of Synod, and the result of the election for Trustees of Synod is recorded in Article XV, on Finance. The election for the remainder of the ticket was made the order of the day in the afternoon, at three o'clock. The result of the election will be found in connection with the action of Synod in the Reports on the Theological Seminary, Home Missions, and the Report on Publication.

The nominees of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College were re-elected for a term of ten years. The newly elected members are Rev. C. U. Heilman, Hon. J. B. Livingston and Geo. W. Hensel, Esq.

On the fifth day of the sessions a Committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. Jno. M. Souder, C. H. Mutchler and Elder A. J. Baker. Just before the hour of final adjournment the committee reported the following for adoption, to wit: Your Committee on Leave of Absence reports that the following members of Synod asked for and obtained leave of absence: Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Thos. A. Huber, F. B. Hahn, R. W. Miller, D. O. Schoedler, and Elders M. L. Cartwright, D. B. Fetterolf, Geo. W. Hensel, P. A. Roth, Daniel Miller, Isaac C. Gerhart, Wm. B. Fluck, W. VanReed and Daniel Klinger.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. SOUDER, *Chairman.*

Report of Bethany Orphan's Home.

The Report on Bethany Orphan's Home was presented to Synod by the Committee on Overtures and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. L. C. Sheip, J. A. Reber and W. Van Reed. The report of the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphan's Home is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States—Greeting.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—In the name of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans's Home and in behalf of the or-

phaned wards of the church it is again my privelege to address your reverend body.

The year that has just passed has in some respects been an eventful one to our Home at Womelsdorf. In the first place it becomes our sad duty to record the death of two orphan boys which took place during this year. When we remember that in its whole history of 28 years only 6 orphans died while under the care of this Home and then hear the statement that two died during one year, we might conclude that the health of the family for the year was not good. Yet we feel safe in saying that the general health of the inmates of Bethany Home was never better than during the year just passed. Both the boys referred to were afflicted with constitutional troubles of long standing, and although the Board secured the best of skill to give them relief it was without avail. During this year also we lost by death an honored member of the Board of Managers in the person of Elder Henry Wirt, of Hanover.

The present number of children in the Home is 82.

The religious services of the institution are conducted as in former years. Daily family worship, church services and Sunday School on Sunday and catechetical instruction during the week are regularly attended to. At the spring communion 8 orphans were received into full membership in the church by the rite of confirmation.

Our schools are in good condition. Many of the orphans, availing themselves of the opportunities here offered, make good use of their time and privileges, while others are careless and indifferent notwithstanding the admonition given them. Two of our boys and one girl passed very creditable examinations under the Supt. of Public Instruction of Berks county, receiving teacher's certificates.

The discipline in the Home is good. Though we have our trials and troubles, yet, considering the size of the family and the various elements which enter into its constitution, we are much encouraged with the excellent behaviour of the children.

The crops on the farm were more abundant this year than they have been for years past. This is cause for thankfulness.

As is no doubt already known to the members of this Synod, the Board entered upon the erection of an additional building early in the spring of this year, and this is now nearing completion. The

building is of brick, 53x84 feet, and will give us additional room for about 50 or 60 children. It is intended to be occupied by the girls while the boys will remain in the older building. This new building, by the time it is finished and furnished, will cost about $19,000. Of this amount Elder Chas. Santee, of Philadelphia, gave $7,000 in memory of his deceased son Joseph Santee. From other sources the Board has available means so that already $11,550 are in hand toward the payment for the new building. This leaves about $7,500 to be provided for. No direct special appeal has as yet been made to the church for assistance in this work, the Board not wishing to interfere with the other benevolent operations of the church. Now, however, in our regular way, we come before the church with an earnest plea for help to assist in raising money for the new building and to meet current expences. We ask that earnest efforts be made on the part of pastors, church and Sunday School officers to take liberal collections in every church and Sunday School at Christmas for the benefit of the orphans of the church. Let other interests receive the collections at all other seasons of the year but give the Christmas collection to the orphans.

It may also be mentioned in this connection that the Board, a short time ago, purchased a small tract of land, lying contiguous to the Home and for certain reasons very desirable, for the sum of $524.12. It was paid for by a few individuals. The tract contains over 7 acres and, with these, the Home now owns about 96 acres in all.

Grateful to our Heavenly Father for His kind care over us during the past year, and to the many friends of the Home for their prayers and gifts in support of the cause, and trusting that the future will reveal the love of God in this work, even more abundantly through his servants, I am very sincerely,

Yours in the work,

THOS. M. YUNDT,

Secretary of Board.

The Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Bethany Orphans' Home, beg leave to offer the following for your consideration:

The report indicates a prosperous condition of the Home, and

we feel that the monies so cheerfully contributed by the Church for the welfare of the orphans have been spent to good purpose.

It is gratifying to learn that the additional building will soon be completed at a cost of $19,000, of which but $7,500 remain unprovided for. And this is all the more gratifying because the Board made no direct appeal to the Church for aid in this matter.

It is also worthy of note that a few liberal minded persons contributed the sum of $524.12, to pay for seven acres of land, to be added to the Home.

In view of all the facts contained in the report, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That Synod is profoundly grateful to Almighty God, the Father of the fatherless, for the numerous evidences of his favor on the Home.

Resolved, 2. That Synod has heard with sorrow of the death of two of the orphaned wards of the Church, and that we lament the demise of Elder Henry Wirt, of Hanover, an honored member of the Board of Managers.

Resolved, 3. That Synod is pleased to learn that three of Bethany's children passed creditable teachers' examinations, thereby evincing the efficient instruction imparted at the Home.

Resolved, 4. That the thanks of Synod are due and are hereby tendered the Superintendent and Board of Managers for the energetic manner in which they entered upon, and prosecuted, the erection of a much needed annex to the main building.

Resolved, 5. That Synod commends the generous Christian spirit which Elder Charles Santee manifested in his liberal contribution of $7,000 towards enlarging the Home.

Resolved, 6. That Synod requests the pastors, and the Church and Sunday-school officers within her bounds, to make strenuous efforts in every Church and Sunday-school, on the coming Christmas, to make liberal contributions and donations for the benefit of the fatherless of the Church.

Resolved, 7. That Synod has heard with pleasure of the inauguration of "Bethany Day" of the Reformed Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, in connection with the last anniversary of the Home; and we herewith respectfully request the Board of Managers of the Home, to make the necessary arrangements for continuing the observance of "Bethany Day."

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI C. SHEIP, J. A. REBER,
WELLINGTON VAN REED.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, was presented to Synod in connection with the 4th item in the Report on Overtures. The item, with the report, was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. D. E. Schoedler, Jacob Kehm and Elder Geo. W. Hensel.

The following is the report of the Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which in accordance with instructions is here recorded in the Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of "The Society of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," within the bounds of your reverend body, for the year closing with September 30th, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Schuylkill Classis	$141.00	East Pennsylvania Classis	132.75
Lebanon "	130.00	Tohickon "	130.00
Goshenhoppen Classis	120.00	Lancaster "	158.12
Wyoming "	73.55	Philadelphia "	47.84
West Susquehanna Classis	21.37		

Whole amount received, $904.63.

EXPENDITURES.

Philadelphia Classis	$150.00	East Pennsylvania Classis	300.00
Lehigh "	50.00	Lancaster "	50.00
West Susquehanna Classis	50.00		

Whole amount expended, $660.00.

We ask you for a place in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operation of the Society during the past year.

With the prayer that the Society may receive at your hands the encouragement it deserves we remain your fellow-laborer in the Gospel.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, in compliance with its request, present for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending with September 30, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report,	$1832.64
" received from interest,	3829.21
" " " collections,	1684.82
" " " donations,	366.66
" " " miscellaneous sources,	106.29
	$7819.62

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid investment,	$2000.00
" " 34 annuitants,	1771.67
" " for expenses,	67.44
" in Treasury	3980.51
Invested Fund, $25,588.00.	$7819.62

In the past year nine ministers and twenty-five widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received financial relief from this Society. As far as is now known in the coming year, at least five more will be added to the list of those receiving help.

The major part of the amount in the treasury will be required to meet the appropriations made at the annual meeting and will be paid on or before the end of the present civil year. The membership of the Society has been increased in the past year, by the addition of nineteen life and three annual or contributing members, from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

LIFE MEMBERS—Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. B. Kerschner, B. B. Ferer, W. A. Long, J. O. Miller, D. D., J. J. Rothrock, D. B. Lady, M. A. Miller, P. C. Prugh, D. D., S. B. Yockey, J. S. Shade, J. D. Thomas, L. J. Mayer, T. O. Stem, I. E. Graeff, D. D., R. Lisberger, Thos. G. Apple, D. D., G. A. Whitmore and A. S. Dechant.

ANNUAL MEMBERS—Revs. J. B. Stonesifer J. May, and S. E. Stofflet.

W. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The following report was received from the Special Committee on the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on the item contained in the Report on Overtures, relative to the Report of the Treasurer of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee to which was referred from the Report on Overtures the item relative to the Report of the Treasurer of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," begs leave to offer the following report:

It is with feelings of pleasure and of devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the church, that we have learned that the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Its work is growing, and from the growth and enlargement of its work there results to the church the responsibility of increased zeal and activity in its behalf. We would offer the following for adoption:

1. That the request to have the statements contained in the Treasurer's report incorporated in the minutes of the Synod, be, and hereby is granted.

2. That Synod respectfully ask the Classes to apportion upon the several charges an amount at least equal to two life members, to wit: $130 for each classical year.

3. That this Synod hereafter at each annual meeting set apart an evening or a part of an evening for the presentation and consideration of the claims of the said society.

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

The Young Prophetess and College Chapel Sermons.

On Item 10, of Report on Overtures, having reference to several books presented to Synod, a Special Committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Jos. H. Dubbs, Wm. J. Kershner and Elder Jos. Negley, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

Your committee to whom were referred two books recently published by the Reformed Church Publication House, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, would respectfully present the following report:

College Chapel Sermons, by the late John Williamson Nevin, D. D., LL D., edited by Henry M. Kieffer, D. D., is a work of permanent value and importance. It is of course impossible for your committee, in the brief space assigned us, to speak at length of this important publication, but the names on its title-page are a sufficient commendation. Dr. Kieffer has carefully reproduced

from notes, taken while he was a student, a number of the sermons preached by Dr. Nevin in the college chapel, and by their publication has rendered an acceptable service to the church. The book will not only be found interesting by all of Dr. Nevin's former students, but can be readily understood and appreciated by all classes of readers who will be more than ever convinced of the profound earnestness and unaffected piety of that great and good man.

The Young Prophetess, a "Tale of the Children's Crusade," by Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, A. M., is a charming book, illustrative of one of the most romantic periods in the history of the Church. For minute research, literary skill and earnest Christian teaching, this is in our opinion a publication of a very superior order. We rejoice to see this increase in our denominational literature, and trust that these valuable books will be welcomed by our pastors, Sunday Schools and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. H. Dubbs,
W. J. Kershner.

Our Literary Institutions.

On Item 9, of the Report on Overtures, having reference to our Literary Institutions, a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Wm. A. Haas, D. W. Ebbert, and Elder M. J. Riegel, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., an institution of this Synod, Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and the Female College, at Allentown, Pa., institutions of the Church, within the bounds of this Synod, would respectfully report:

That it affords your Committee great pleasure to note the marked financial success and the increased patronage of these institutions, and would hereby commend them to the continued favor of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Haas, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That at the next annual meeting of Synod, one evening be devoted to the discussion of the subject of Higher Education in Preparatory Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries,

and that the officers of Synod, together with the pastor loci, be instructed to appoint speakers for the evening, and notify the same at least three months before the meeting of Synod.

On account of the desire of the delegates to be present at the Synodical communion, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That hereafter the Synod shall make no appointments to fill pulpits in the place where Synod meets, at the hour when the communion is being celebrated.

A resolution was adopted, reiterating the action of Synod, taken a year ago, in regard to the observance of the Sabbath at the Columbian Exposition in 1893. The action is as follows:

WHEREAS, The United States of America is pre-eminently a Christian nation; and,

WHEREAS, The prosperity and perpetuity of our nation, and the peace and well-being of her people, are dependent upon that which is distinctively Christian; and,

WHEREAS, The Sabbath day is the first and fundamental Divine Institution appointed by the God of nations for the good of man; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod, desiring that the Christian consciousness of this nation may not be offended and her millions of Christian people not be robbed of their just pride in the *World's Columbian Exposition*, does heartily endorse the following appeal:

To the World's Columbian Commission:

In harmony with the Sunday laws of the States and Territories of the Union; in the interest of public morals and religion, which are the bulwarks of free institutions; in respect to the rights of the toiling millions; for the benefit of the exhibitors and employes of the World's Fair; in compliance with the well known and expressed convictions, habits and desires of many millions of our fellow-citizens who respect and keep the Lord's Day, and for the more complete success of the Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893, your petitioners hereby respectfully and earnestly request your honorable body to order that its *gates shall be closed* to the public on the Weekly Sabbath rest day, as was done at the grandly successful Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, and also by the English Speaking Exhibitors at the last Paris Exposition, who covered their exhibits on that day.

At the opening of the Synod, Revs. E. Clark Hibschman, Geo. S. Sorber, F. B. Hahn and Geo. W. Richards were appointed reporters, who furnished the daily papers, with a full report of the proceedings of Synod, for which the Synod hereby extends its thanks to the brethern and to the papers publishing these proceedings.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod, feeling deeply grateful for the kind and liberal entertainment of the members of Synod, hereby extends its sincere and hearty thanks to the pastors and members of the Reformed Church and other friends in the city.

Resolved, That this resolution be transmitted to the Pastors by the Corresponding Secretary, to be read to the members of the Reformed churches.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the kindness manifested toward Synod, on the part of the Railroad companies in granting special rates to its delegates.

The Synodical roll was called, those who were absent were noted as having been excused. The minutes were then read finally and approved.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment namely;

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in annual session on the Third Wednesday of October, A. D. 1892, at such place as the President and Stated Clerk may determine.

Arrangements were subsequently made by the officers of Synod to hold the next annual sessions of Synod, at the above mentioned date, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, Oct. 26, at 11 o'clock with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology and the benediction by the President.

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *President*,
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from original minutes.
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Infants.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregat'al Purposes.	Minutes—Eng.	Post Office Address.
Cyrus F. Becker,	Howertown,	2	647	470	38	0	20	11	540	10	0	0	22	4	389		1	$ 287.00	1,250 00	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.,	Farmersville,	3	600	380	39	0	6	4	400	15	0	4	17	6	350		0	140.00	1,145.00	8	Bethlehem, "
Robert Lisberger,	St. Peters,	2	128	40	19	0	0	0	80	9	0	0	10	2				57.00	900.00	6	Bath, "
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.,	Prof. in Lafayette Col.,																				Easton, "
Charles Becker,	Without Charge,																				Philadelphia,"
Horace Daniel,	" "																				Nazareth, "
W. D C. Rodrock,	Engaged in Bible work,																				Paterson, N. Jersey.
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark s, Easton,	1	364	170	41	0	16	6	306	5	0	50	9	1	389	35	0	152.00	1,550.00	7	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber,	Towamensing.	3	415	200	44	0	53	1	336	0	0	6	21	5	270	30	0	119.00	1,300,00	16	Weissport, Pa.
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township,	4	840	615	40	1	39	0	552	0	0	0	25	5	450	56	2	259.00	1,700.00	10	Bath, "
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	775	500	51	0	67	0	460	4	0	0	28	7	500	44	1	208.00	1,200.00	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff,	Without Charge,																				Bangor, "
Frank W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley,	3	525	350	41	0	11	0	336	7	0	3	25	4	325	42	0	93.00	1,000 00	14	Effort, "
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Third Street, Easton,	1	493	190	9	1	21	12	384	17	0	2	7	3	376	53	0	2,182.00	3,549.00	14	Easton. "
John Kretzing.	Without Charge																				Broodheadsvil'e, Pa.
George B. Smith.	Tannersville,	4	474	463	37	1	2	7	399	2	0	0	19	4	306	42	0	77.00	782.00	19	Tannersville, "
Wilson F. More,	Salem's, Catasauqua,	1	275	180	28	0	17	16	230	3	0	11	14	1	210	20	0	295.00	2,025.00	12	Catasauqua, "
J. O. Lindaman,	Christ Church, Bath,	1	282	102	10	1	12	10	180	9	0	5	4	1	150	26	0	140.00	1,125.00	7	Bath, "
Charles W. Levan,	Grace Chapel, Easton	1	156	82	13	0	2	4	118	0	0	2	8	1	150	21	0	77.00	1,158.00	8	Easton, "
John Wolbach,	Without Charge,																				Nazareth, "
S. P. Mauger,	Mt. Bethel,	2	450	160	21	0	17	6	390	0	0	2	17	2	270	28	0	525.00	1,170,00	16	Stone Church, "
Samuel A. Hitner,	Bangor,	2	212	175	27	7	22	12	185	1	0	0	8	2	198	25	1	123.00	1,764.00	14	Bangor, "
Charles B. Weaver,	Hamilton,	2	170	110	14	0	14	0	125	1	0	0	4	3	140	20	0	40.00	510.00	6	Sciota, "
G. A. Schwedes,	Christ Church, Beth'm,	1	450	190	10	0	28	36	380	10	0	7	11	2	380	42	0	1,225.00	2,606.00	14	Bethlehem, "
Silas F. Laury,	Broadheadsville,	3	554	449	26	0	66	4	469	3	0	0	18	3	310	35	0	74.00	947.00	8	Broadheadsville, "
Albert Lobach,	St. Paul's, Bethlehem,	1	420	325	19	1	54	115	275	1	0	50	11	1	200	21	0	40.00	5,500 00	7	Bethlehem, "
S. U. Mitman,	Stroudsburg,	1	57	35	0	0	0	8	32	0	0	0	0	1	35	10	0		260.00	6	Stroudsburg, "
Robert C. Weaver,	Forks,	1	313	200	0	0	0	0	174	0	0	0					1	70.00	517.00	8	Coopersburg, "
Morgan A. Peters,	Weissport,	2	354		10	0	0	14	120	0	0	0	12	2	210	12	0	34 00	863.00	13	Weissport, "
W. H. Wotring,	Dryland,	2	575	350														135.00	800.00	8	Nazareth, "
Geo. J. Lisberger,	Plainfield,	2	445	300	8	0	28	0	338	0	0	0	15	2	200	40	0	63.00	700.00	7	Bath, "
John F. DeLong, Supply,	Freemansburg,	1	200	115	6	0	10	6	135	3	0	0	7	1	116	24	1	86.00	759.00	10	Reading, "
Tobias Kessler, "	Rittersville,	1	156	111	11	0	17	0	133	0	0	0	2	1	63		0	56.00	250.00	6	Allentown, "
Lic. T. M. Fenstermaker,																					Philadelphia, "
Ministers, 31																					
Licentiates, 1																					
		49	10,322	6272	562	12	531	272	7077	109	0	142	314	65	5981	626	7	$6,557.00	$35,330.00	262	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Infant.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal o. Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregatl'al Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville,	4	555	345	14	7	25	2	480	4			9	4	65	370		$ 352.00	$ 1 300	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville,	6	1450	950	68		82	10	1300	30		50	55	13	50	300		251.21	2,500	12	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., "
Eli R. Hiester,	Without Charge,																				Straustown, Berks Co., "
Daniel B. Albright,	" "																				Mohrsville, Berks Co., "
James A. Schultz,	" "																				Colebrookdale, Berks Co., "
Richard S. Appel,	Shartlesville,	4	375	105	23	1	1	1	298	5	1	1	18	2	22	100	1	64.60	93	6	Shartlesville, Berks Co., "
Adam J. Bachman,	Schaefferstown,	4	769	725	83	7	25	8	530	4			29	6	50	550		268.00	5,000	25	Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker,	Tulpehocken,*	5	1328	648	43	3	23	21	1149	3			28	7	62	640	1	291.00	7,686	18	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., "
William J. Kershner,	Sinking Spring,	4	1146	650	63	1	58	1	979	15			80	7	50	600		82.00	3,000	20	115 S. Third St., Reading, Berks Co.
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf,	4	625	430	29		49	18	578	1			24	4	62	379		162.00	1,125	20	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant,	St. John, Lebanon,	1	294	174	8		5	3	188	2			6	1	41	190	1	589.00	7,476	9	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach,	Bern,	3	932	540	38	1	1		789	24			30	5		345	1	385.00	1,250	14	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Berks Co.,
Thomas M. Yundt,	Bethany,	2	27	71	2		2	2	28	3			4	2	6	83		79.45	100	10	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant,	St. Paul, Birdsboro,	1	100	58	15				40			18	2	1				20.00	170	5	Birdsboro, Berks Co., "
Oscar P. Steckel,	St. Mark, Lebanon,	1	276	152	26		8	7	173				5	1	32	375		51.00	2,175	8	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., "
Vacant,	Myerstown,	1	550	275	16	2	20	2	445	8			12	1	34	265	1	422.00	1,235	20	Myerstown, " "
David U. Wolff,	Without Charge,																				" " "
Jairus A. Wickert,	Swatara,	5	497	290	16	6	20		380	4		2	13	5	31	214		118.69	967	15	Jonestown, " "
David E. Klopp, D. D.,	First Church, Lebanon	1	880	600	41	2	33	18	554	18			23	1	64	595		1,050.00	3,000	15	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Leb'n Co
J. V. George,	Allegheny,	4	900	600										9		600				15	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
B. F. Biery,	Licentiate,																				
Vacant,	Bethel,**																			15	
"	Belleman Cou'gation,†	1	340	200	12				330	1			7	5		600		25.00	300	6	
		54	11044	6813	487	30	362	93	8071	127	1	71	345	74	569	6206	5	$ 4,110.95	$ 37,377	253	

*Charge divided. **Formerly parts of Tulpehocken and Swatara charges. Statistics included in said charges.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Members.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms Infants.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congrega'l Purposes.	Min. of Synod. English.	Post Office Address.
Henry W. Super, D. D.,	Without Charge,																				Collegeville. Montgomery Co., Pa.
Peter S. Davis, D. D.,	" "																				Chicago, Ills.
Chas. W. Schultz,	" "																				Camden, N. J.
Jos. W. Hendricks,	Trinity, Collegeville,	1	254		3		4		226	3			3	2			1	$ 188	4,043	15	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston, D. D.,	Ch'ch of the Strangers,	1	145	55	9		5	27	106	4				1	17	138		79	1,596	12	33 Sanders Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. G. Fisher, D.,D.,	Pub. Ch. Periodicals,																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
James Crawford, D. D.,	Christ Church,	1	205	58			9	13	185	6	10		2	1	20	150		1,588	4,496	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Philad'a, Pa.
Josiah D. Detrich,	Union Ch ,Whitemarch	1	190		8		12	4	170	4			5	1	25	150		122	850	10	Flourtown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
" " (Supply),	St. Luke's, N. Wales,	1	185		6		8	2	165	3			3	1	25	213		85	700	10	Flourtown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John H Sechler,	First Church, Philad'a,	1	259	40	18		17	32	229	12	14		3	1	33	278	2	1,112	6,740	16	714 N. 15th St., Philadelphia. Pa.
Henry T. Spangler,	Fin'l Agt. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner,	WithouutCharge,																				Montgomery Sq. Montg'ry Co., Pa.
Sam'l R. Bridenbaugh,	Ascension,	1	426	190	21	13	38	26	400	6	5		10	2	42	380		1,525	3,250	12	Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Chas. H. Coon,	Trinity, Philad'a,	1	450	148	24	10	31	24	418	10	32		8	1	43	477		8,605	9,665	13	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Jerome B. Henry,	Trinity, Norristown,	1	192	44		6	10	16	170				7	1	27	297		157	1,004	10	Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yost,	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	130	25		12	11	19	125		2		4	1	19	200		71	1,376	6	Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Rufus C. Zortman,	Heidelberg,	1	643	187			7	5	500	24			7	1	65	925	4	842	6,725	15	1635 N. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Solomon U. Snyder,	Grace,	1	211	66			5	32	172		17		3	1	36	291		33	3,772	13	1112 W. Huntingdon St , Phila., Pa.
G Stibitz, Ph D	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz,	St.Vincent and Linfield	2	212	60		6	7	2	177	4			3	2	20	235		132	1,137	18	Linfield, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Edwin C. Hibshman,	St. Luke's, Trappe,	1	270			5	3	8	215	11			5	1	22	165	1	458	1 424	16	Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Wilson Delaney,	Bethel,	1	128	50		5	12	26	90	2				1	19	280		50	1,100	12	1434 S. 22d St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. E. Wehler,	Boehm's.	1	269	98	4	12	32	5	240	9	13		7	1	25	115		323	5,907	13	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jos. Duckworth,	Without Charge,																				1944 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. B. Alspach,	Pleasantville,	1	265	104	7	10	19	3	186	9	1		2	1	19	160	2	364	1,193	6	Chalfont, Bucks Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hibshman,	St. Mark's,	1	64	13	2	23	8	8	61		1			2	20	163		37	836	9	Prospectville, Pa.
Henry Hilbish,	Brownback's,	2	240	40	1	2	3		170	2			4	1	23	143		91	800	15	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck,	St. Matthew's,	2	227	147					168	5			5	2	42	220		1,092	1.398	18	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Calvin W. Derr,	First Ch., Spring City,	1	160					7	115	10	3		2	1	38	240		143	2,028	9	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa
I. Calvin Fisher,	E.Vincent and Pikeland	2	127				1		88					2	17	120		142	1,250	10	Kimberton, Chester Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Stubblebine,	Shenkle's,	1	96											1	14	100		3		10	Pottstown, Pa., Box 112.
G.W.Williard, D.D.,LL.D.	Act. Pres. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
James B. May,	Without Charge,																				Birdsboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
*David P. Lefevre,	" "																				Burlington, Alamance Co., N. C.
Henry Tesnow, Lic.,																					Oak Lane, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch, Lic ,																					New York City.
Vacant,	Eastern Shore, Md.,	1	85	42	3		6		65				2	1	13	33		10	46	7	Ridgeley, Caroline Co., Md.
	†St. John's, Del.,	1																			
		29	5433	1367	155	140	248	259	4441	125		98	85	30	624	5473	10	$17,252	$61,713	287	

*Dismissed to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac. † No report.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms Infants.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Teachers and Officers	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congrega'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
R. V. Gerhart, D. D. LL. D.	St. Stephen's,	1	84	14	1			15	82	9							3	$ 296	$ 200	7	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Theodore Apple, D. D.,	Author,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle,	Without Charge,																				Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Isaac C. Graeff, D. D.,	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	1	70	23	5		3	6	58	1			1	1	6	55		62	767	8	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
T. G. Apple, D. D. LL. D.	Prof. in Theo'l Sem'y,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John M. Titzel, D. D.	First Ch., Lancaster,	1	433	168	18	1	9	14	350	10			14	1	30	300		400	2,018	16	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D. D.,	Prof. in Theo'l Sem'y,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Lucian J. Mayer,	Reamstown,	4	346	106	8	2	27	1	277	1			14	3	30	151		26		12	Denver, Lancaster Co., Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer,	Supt. of Missions,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John P. Stein,	Millersville,	2	243	90	16	1	6	5	207	5			10	2	33	118		214	1,000	10	Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard,	Willow Street,	2	334	95	10	17	24	11	293	8		5	14	2	47	316		196	1,428	16	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer,	Muddy Creek,	4	657	340	37	7	38	9	580	4			24	4	45	300		83	555	8	Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer,	Salem, Harrisburg,	1	450	143	20	6	15	15	370	5			7	1	50	343		3,084	2,761	16	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Milton H. Sangree,	First Ch., Steelton,	1	103	85	19	8	15	22	77	2		5	6	1	20	160		32	1,500	6	Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John S. Stahr, D. D.,	Pres. F. and M. Col.,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John M. Souder,	New Providence,	2	259	153	15	6	8	6	216	8			5	2	28	220		164	689	13	New Providence, Lanc'ter Co., Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker,	Trinity, Columbia,	1	274	193	20	4	17	8	189	4			5	1	24	245		165	1,306	10	Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa.
William F. Lichliter,	St. Luke's, Lancaster,	1	187	181	24	5	24	14	141	6			21	1	31	425		44	930	8	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Jairus P. Moore,	Missionary to Japan,																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Samuel M. Roeder,	Elizabethtown,	1	157	51	6	14	23	4	133	1		3	4	1	23	102		130	766	12	Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Geo. Merle Zacharias,	Without Charge,																				Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa.
David B. Schneder,	Missionary to Japan,																				Sendai, Japan.
James W. Meminger,	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	1	477	200	9	9	21	43	440	4			6	1	36	450	2	1,540	2,852	16	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John F. Moyer,	Hummelstown,	4	335	126	10	2	18	3	281	3			7	4	27	250	1	500	4,500	8	Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman,	Second Ch., Harrisb'g.	1	145	90	2	3	5	9	107	6			5	1	28	182		232	747	9	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt,	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
George F. Mull,	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Milton M. Noacher,	Maytown,	2	119	85	18	8	9		94	1		1	2	2	36	147		87	493	6	Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Daniel W. Albright,	Manheim,	2	219		1	7	14	5	185	2			4	2	59	335		221	1,340	12	Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Vacant,	New Holland,	3	308	243	10	7	13	10	243	5		10	3	3	44	296		208	1,257	14	New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.
"	Bethany,	4	396	244	10	6	11	3	300	1			11					77	500	12	Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa.
"	Marietta,	1	92	84	25	2	5	1	35			58	2	1	14	100			356	6	Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa.
		40	5688	2713	286	115	305	203	4658	86		82	165	34	611	4493	8	$ 7,761	$ 25,965	225	

Licentiate, John B. Kieffer, Ph. D., Prof. in F. and M. College. Students for Ministry, Alfred M. Schaffner and Geo. Kinzo Kaneko.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

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Rudolph Duenger, D. D....	Without Charge,.....																			Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstein, ...	Mahanoy,.....	5	396	229	40	2	42	3	329	3		11	6		217	1	$ 177	$ 1,647	30	Mahanoy, North'd Co., Pa.
George B. Dechant, ...	Numidia, ...	3	398	325	51	3	20	5	330	6	30	13	6	36	375		210	1,610	18	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach, ...	Sunbury.	1	334	187	21	2	16	21	301	19	14	7	1	30	247		208	3,087	15	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr,.....	Millersburg, ...	3	410	215	12				300	6		8	3	32	285	2	189	800	16	Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler,.....	Augusta,.....	4	250	135	26	3	19	5	145			8	4				110	485	10	Sunbury. North'd Co., Pa.
S. P. Brown,.....	Uniontown, ...	4	442	200	44	2	34		370			12	4	30	260		230	1,185	12	Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Vacant,.....	Deep Creek, ...	6	261	130	30			2	225			10	6	32	400		125	750	6	Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel, ...	Armstrong V, ...	5	183	114	8	1	21	1	141			16	4	15	87		36	350	18	Fisherville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler,.....	Ringtown,.....	4	360	190	55	1	70		285			16	3	42	278		81	908	14	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John A. Danner,.....	Mt. Carmel, ...	3	210	175	15		13	17	170		35	6	3	35	300		80	1,125	15	Mt. Carmel, North'd Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich, ...	Line Mountain, ...	5	349	222	36		54	6	277			10	7	38	128		65	500	10	Greenbrier, North'd Co., Pa.
Raymond E. Butz, ...	Catawissa, ...	1	118	84	2	2	11	16	99	4		1	1	11	116		75	3,190	12	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Charles B. Schneder,.....	Shamokin, ...	1	458	606	64				458	44		30	1	41	650		353	4,156	15	Shamokin, North'd Co., Pa.
John J. Stauffer, ...	Lykens Valley,.....	4	470	422	4			5	408	2		1	4	50	280		104	205	18	Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa
Vacant,.....	Tower City, ...																			
"	Ashland, ...	1	300	240	28	1	20		185	4		9	1	22	200		163	800	8	
Supply																				
Salem,.....	G. B. Dechant,.....	1	30	26					29				1	6	46		15	50	5	
		51	4969	3500	436	17	320	81	4052	90	79	158	55	438	3869	6	$ 2,821	$ 20,848	222	

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

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Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.,	Prin. Public Schools,																			Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	265	200	31		5	4	265	9			13	3	160		$ 169	$ 505	22	White Deer Mills, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas,	Selinsgrove,	6	440	395	27		28		430	5			5	6	370	1	251	1,000	10	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	5	579	253	18		19		457		13		11	5	280	1	220	845	36	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
John F. DeLong,	Fi. Ag't F. and M. Col.																			Reading, Berks Co , Pa.
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven,	2	225	100	12	2	6		130	2			9	1	225		55	1,069	12	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
John Dotterer,	Temporarily disabled,																			Madisonburg, Centre Co., Pa.
L. D. Steckel,	Mifflinburg,	3	417	261	12	1	6	3	375	4			9	3	375		361	1,006	21	Mifflinburg, Union Co , Pa.
Albert A. Black,	Boalsburg,	4	397	297	27	2	14	22	315	10		6	12	3	159		283	1,520	22	Boalsburg Centre Co. Pa.
Lewis Robb,	Williamsport,	1	206	85	22	1	12	19	198	8		5	1	1	190	1	144	1,300	15	Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg,	Centre Hall,	4	315	169	18		4	16	303	20		2	9	4	295	2	259	1,318	20	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
George E. Addams,	Aaronsburg,	5	297	178	21	2	21	10	246	9			6	5	335		200	1,838	24	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Miles O. Noll,	Bellefonte,	2	276	140	30	9	40	32	266	7		8	7	2	192		708	2,600	22	Bellefonte, Centre Co , Pa.
James R. Brown,	Rebersburg,	5	360	155	16		20	10	308	3		2	12	5	308	2	270	1,076	24	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler,	New Berlin,	5	339	135	21	4	53	2	282	7			5	4	140	2	118	600	24	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Samuel Kuhn,	Liverpool,	6	225	152	17	2	15		161	1			4	5	74		48	290	6	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Irvin W. Hendricks,	Lewisburg,	1	272	50	1	3	13	20	238				3	1	225		231	969	15	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
Vacant,	Nittany Valley,	6	260	150	28	4	22	2	250	10			12	4	250	1	150	800	10	Walker, Centre Co., Pa.
William E. Hoy,	Foreign Missionary,																			Sendai, Japan.
		58	4875	2720	301	30	268	140	4224	95		36	118	49	3578	10	$ 3,467	$ 16,536	283	

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Infants.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congreg'al Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	New Geshenhoppen,	2	990	600	40	4	58	3	800	5			30	2	25	450		$ 1,004	$ 1,700	18	East Greenville, Mont'ery Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	750	630	76		37	12	627	14			43	2	75	700		510	5,997	18	Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	818	400	60	17	63	3	717	4			43	5	50	745	3	308	2,360	13	Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber,	Wentz's,	3	740	300	20	5	5	4	685	7			26	2	35	325	3	325	1,500	15	Skippackville, Mont'ery Co., Pa.
Eli Keller, D D.,	Zionsville,	4	1000	600	71	1	90	9	800	4			23	4	55	420		361	1,648	24	Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley,	4	710	408	57	2	23		516	4			21	5	28	270		314	1,033	16	Oley, Berks Co., Pa.
Cosmos H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	640	480	50	2	20	32	425	8		12	18	2	55	400		200	2,200	12	Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Charles S. Wieand,	Zion's, Pottstown,	1	276	200	22	2	17	13	220	3		13	8	1	35	185		127	1,013	10	Pottstown, Montgomery Co , Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman,	Boyertown,	3	733	563	33	2	34	20	487	10			20	7	38	395		310	1,610	16	Boyerstown, Berks Co., Pa.
*Gideon P. Fisher,	Falkner Swamp,	1	436	200	18	2	16		300	6		3	8	1	23	130	1	178	721	15	New Hanover, Mont'ery Co., Pa.
Lawrence D. Leberman,	Without Charge,																				7th St. and Girard Ave., Philad'a.
James L. Roush,	Ass't to A. L. Dechant,																				Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
†John H. Leinbach, supply,	Amityville.	1	250	125	10				215	25			10	3	12	175	1	84	600	5	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
‡Robert C. Weaver, supply.	Chestnut Hill,	1	104	60	2	1	15		90	1			2	1	12	75	1	15	800	6	Coopersburg, Lehigh Co., Pa.
H. A. I. Brenner,	Hill,	2	350		6				198				13	4	79	270				5	Bechtelsville, Berks Co., Pa.
Ernest Clapp,	Royersford's Missions.																				Royersford, Mont'ery Co., Pa.
Ministers, 13.	Charges, 13,	29	7794	4900	465	38	378	96	6140	91		28	265	39	522	4530	9	$ 3,736	$ 20,087	173	

*Dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio. †Member of Lehigh Classis. ‡Member of Tohickon Classis.

At the opening of the Synod, Revs. E. Clark Hibschman, Geo. S. Sorber, F. B. Hahn and Geo. W. Richards were appointed reporters, who furnished the daily papers, with a full report of the proceedings of Synod, for which the Synod hereby extends its thanks to the brethern and to the papers publishing these proceedings.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod, feeling deeply grateful for the kind and liberal entertainment of the members of Synod, hereby extends its sincere and hearty thanks to the pastors and members of the Reformed Church and other friends in the city.

Resolved, That this resolution be transmitted to the Pastors by the Corresponding Secretary, to be read to the members of the Reformed churches.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the kindness manifested toward Synod, on the part of the Railroad companies in granting special rates to its delegates.

The Synodical roll was called, those who were absent were noted as having been excused. The minutes were then read finally and approved.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment namely;

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in annual session on the Third Wednesday of October, A. D. 1892, at such place as the President and Stated Clerk may determine.

Arrangements were subsequently made by the officers of Synod to hold the next annual sessions of Synod, at the above mentioned date, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, Oct. 26, at 11 o'clock with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology and the benediction by the President.

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *President*,
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from original minutes.
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Infants.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregat'al Purposes.	Minutes—Eng.	Post Office Address.
Cyrus F. Becker,	Howertown,	2	647	470	38	0	20	11	540	10	0	0	22	4	389		1	$ 287.00	1,250 00	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.,	Farmersville,	3	600	380	39	0	6	4	400	15	0	4	17	6	350		0	140.00	1,145.00	8	Bethlehem, "
Robert Lisberger,	St. Peters,	2	128	40	19	0	0	0	80	9	0	0	10	2				57.00	900.00	6	Bath, "
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.,	Prof. in Lafayette Col.,																				Easton, "
Charles Becker,	Without Charge,																				Philadelphia, "
Horace Daniel,	" "																				Nazareth, "
W. D C. Rodrock,	Engaged in Bible work,																				Paterson, N. Jersey.
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark s, Easton,	1	364	170	41	0	16	6	306	5	0	50	7	1	389	35	0	152.00	1,550.00	7	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber,	Towamensing,	3	415	200	44	0	53	1	336	0	0	6	21	5	270	30	0	119.00	1,300,00	16	Weissport, Pa.
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township,	4	840	615	40	1	39	0	552	0	0	0	25	5	450	56	2	259.00	1,700.00	10	Bath, "
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	775	500	51	0	67	0	460	4	0	0	28	7	500	44	1	208.00	1,200.00	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff,	Without Charge,																				Bangor, "
Frank W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley,	3	525	350	41	0	11	0	336	7	0	3	25	4	325	42	0	93.00	1,000 00	14	Effort, "
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Third Street, Easton,	1	493	190	9	1	21	12	384	17	0	2	7	3	376	53	0	2,182.00	3,549.00	14	Easton. "
John Kretzing,	Without Charge																				Broodheadsvil'e, Pa.
George B. Smith,	Tannersville,	4	474	463	37	1	2	7	399	2	0	0	19	4	306	42	0	77.00	782.00	19	Tannersville, "
Wilson F. More,	Salem's, Catasauqua,	1	275	180	28	0	17	16	230	3	0	11	14	1	210	20	0	295.00	2,025.00	12	Catasauqua, "
J. O. Lindaman,	Christ Church, Bath,	1	282	102	10	1	12	10	180	9	0	5	4	1	150	26	0	140.00	1,125.00	7	Bath, "
Charles W. Levan,	Grace Chapel, Easton	1	156	82	13	0	2	4	118	0	0	2	8	1	150	21	0	77.00	1,158.00	8	Easton, "
John Wolbach,	Without Charge,																				Nazareth, "
S. P. Mauger,	Mt. Bethel,	2	450	160	21	0	17	6	300	0	0	2	17	2	270	28	0	525.00	1,170,00	16	Stone Church, "
Samuel A. Hitner,	Bangor,	2	212	175	27	7	22	12	185	1	0	0	8	2	198	25	1	123.00	1,764.00	14	Bangor, "
Charles B. Weaver,	Hamilton,	2	170	110	14	0	14	0	125	1	0	0	4	3	140	20	0	40.00	510.00	6	Sciota, "
G. A. Schwedes,	Christ church, Beth'm,	1	450	130	10	0	28	36	380	10	0	7	11	2	380	42	0	1,225.00	2,606.00	14	Bethlehem, "
Silas F. Laury,	Broadheadsville,	3	552	449	26	0	66	4	469	3	0	0	18	3	310	35	0	74.00	947.00	8	Broadheadsville, "
Albert Lobach,	St. Paul's, Bethlehem,	1	420	325	19	1	54	115	275	1	0	50	11	1	200	21	0	40.00	5,500 00	7	Bethlehem, "
S. U. Mittman,	Stroudsburg,	1	57	35	0	0	0	8	32	0	0	0	0	1	35	10	0		260.00	6	Stroudsburg, "
Robert C. Weaver,	Forks,	1	313	200	0	0	0	0	174	0	0	0					1	70.00	517.00	8	Coopersburg, "
Morgan A. Peters,	Weissport,	2	354		10	0	0	14	120	0	0	0	12	2	210	12	0	34 00	863.00	13	Weissport, "
W. H. Wotring,	Dryland,	2	575	350														135.00	800.00	8	Nazareth, "
Geo. J. Lisberger,	Plainfield,	2	445	300	8	0	28	0	338	0	0	0	15	2	200	40	0	63.00	700.00	7	Bath, "
John F. DeLong, Supply,	Freemansburg,	1	200	115	6	0	10	6	135	3	0	0	7	1	116	24	1	86.00	759.00	10	Reading, "
Tobias Kessler, "	Rittersville,	1	156	111	11	0	17	0	133	0	0	0	2	1	63		0	56.00	250.00	6	Allentown, "
Lic. T. M. Fenstermaker,																					Philadelphia, "
Ministers, 31																					
Licentiates, 1		49	10,322	6272	562	12	531	272	7077	109	0	142	314	65	5981	626	7	$6,557.00	$35,330.00	262	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Infant.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal o. Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregatl'al Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office
r, D.D.	Annville,	4	555	345	14	7	25	2	480	4			9	4	65	370		$ 352.00	$ 1,300	20	Annville, Lebanon Co.
h	Bernvillee,	6	1450	950	68		82	10	1300	30		50	55	13	50	300		251.21	2,500	12	Womelsdorf, Berks Co
	Without Charge,																				Straustown, Berks Co.
	" "																				Mohrsville, Berks Co.,
	" "																				Colebrookdale, Berks C
	Shartlesville,	4	375	105	23	1	1	1	298	5	1	1	18	2	22	100	1	64.60	93	6	Shartlesville, Berks Co
1,	Schaefferstown,	4	769	725	83	7	25	8	530	4			29	6	50	550		268.00	5,000	25	Schaefferstown, Leba n
	Tulpehocken,*	5	1328	648	43	3	23	21	1149	3			28	7	62	640	1	291.00	7,686	18	Stouchsburg, Berks Co
ner,	Sinking Spring,	4	1146	650	63	1	58	1	979	15			80	7	50	600		82.00	3,000	20	115 S. Third St., Readi
,	Womelsdorf,	4	625	430	29		49	18	578	1			24	4	62	379		162.00	1,125	20	Rehrersburg, Berks C
	St. John, Lebanon,	1	294	174	8		5	3	188	2			6	1	41	190	1	589.00	7,476	9	Lebanon, Lebanon Co
ach,	Bern,	3	932	540	38	1	1		789	24			30	5		345	1	385.00	1,250	14	326 N. Fifth St., Readi
dt,	Bethany,	2	27	71	2		2	2	28	3			4	2	6	83		79.45	100	10	Womelsdorf. Berks Co
	St. Paul, Birdsboro,	1	100	58	15				40	4		18	2	1				20.00	170	5	Birdsboro, Berks Co.,
l,	St. Mark, Lebanon,	1	276	152	26		8	7	173	1			5	1	32	375		51.00	2,175	8	Lebanon, Lebanon C
	Myerstown,	1	550	275	16	2	20	2	445	8			12	1	34	265	1	422.00	1,235	20	Myerstown, "
	Without Charge,																				" "
rt,	Swatara,	5	497	290	16	6	20		380	4		2	13	5	31	214		118.69	967	15	Jonestown, "
, D. D.,	First Church, Lebanon	1	880	600	41	2	33	18	554	18			23	1	64	595		1,050.00	3,000	15	1024 Chestnut St., L
	Allegheny,	4	900	600										9		600				15	Reading, Berks Co.
	Licentiate,																				
	Bethel,**																			15	
	Belleman Con'gation,	1	340	200	12				330	1			7	5		600		25.00	300	6	
		54	11044	6813	487	30	362	93	8071	127	1	71	345	74	569	6206	5	$ 4,110.95	$ 37,377	253	

ded. **Formerly parts of Tulpehocken and Swatara charges. Statistics included in said charges.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Members.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms. Infants.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congreg'l Purposes.	Min. of Synod. English.	Post Office Address.
Henry W. Super, D. D., ..	Without Charge, ...																				Collegeville. Montgomery Co., Pa.
Peter S. Davis, D. D.,.....	" "																				Chicago, Ills.
Chas. W. Schultz,.....	" "																				Camden, N. J.
Jos. W. Hendricks,.....	Trinity, Collegeville, ...	1	254			13	4		226	3			3	2			1	$ 188	4,043	15	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston, D. D.,...	Ch'ch of the Strangers,	1	145	55		3	5	27	106	4				1	17	138		79	1,596	12	33 Sanders Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. G. Fisher, D.,D.,.....	Pub. Ch. Periodicals, ...																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
James Crawford, D. D., ...	Christ Church, ...	1	205	58			9	13	185	6		10	2	1	20	150		1,588	4.496	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Philad'a, Pa.
Josiah D. Detrich,.....	Union Ch ,Whitemarch	1	190			5	12	4	170	4			5	1	25	150		122	850	10	Flourtown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
" " (Supply),	St. Luke's, N. Wales,..	1	185		6	5	8	2	165	3			3	1	25	213		85	700	10	Flourtown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John H Sechler, ...	First Church, Philad'a,	1	259	40	18	8	17	32	229			14	3	1	33	278	2	1,112	6,740	16	714 N. 15th St., Philadelphia. Pa.
Henry T. Spangler,.....	Fin'l Agt. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner, ...	WithouutCharge,.....																				Montgomery Sq. Montg'ry Co., Pa.
Sam'l R. Bridenbaugh, ...	Ascension,.....	1	426	190			38	26	400	6		5	10	2	42	380		1,525	3.250	12	Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Chas. H. Coon,.....	Trinity, Philad'a,.....	1	450	148	24	10	31	24	418	10		32	8	1	43	477		8,605	9.665	13	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Jerome B. Henry,.....	Trinity, Norristown, ...	1	192	44			10	16	170				7	1	27	297		157	1,004	10	Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yost,.....	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	130	25			11	19	125			2	4	1	19	200		71	1,376	6	Phœnixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Rufus C. Zortman.....	Heidelberg, ...	1	643	187			7	5	500	24			7	1	65	925	4	842	6,725	15	1635 N. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Solomon U. Snyder, ...	Grace, ...	1	211	66	13		5	32	172			17	3	1	36	291		33	3.772	13	1112 W. Huntingdon St , Phila., Pa.
G Stibitz, Ph D	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz, ...	St.Vincent and Linfield	2	212	60	5	6	7	2	177				3	2	20	235		132	1,137	18	Linfield, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Edwin C. Hibshman,.....	St. Luke's, Trappe,.....	1	270			5	3	8	215	11			5	1	22	165	1	458	1 424	16	Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Wilson Delaney,.....	Bethel, ...	1	128	50	12	5	12	26	90	2				1	19	280		50	1,100	12	1434 S. 22d St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. E. Wehler,.....	Boehm's.	1	269	98	4	12	32	5	240	9		13	7	1	25	115		323	5.907	13	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jos. Duckworth,.....	Without Charge.																				1944 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. B. Alspach,.....	Pleasantville,.....	1	265	104	7	10	19	3	186	9		1	2	1	19	160	2	364	1,193	6	Chalfont, Bucks Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hibshman,.....	St. Mark's, ...	1	64	13	2	23	8	8	61			1		2	20	163		37	836	9	Prospectville, Pa.
Henry Hilbish,.....	Brownback's, ...	2	240	40	1	2	3		170	2			4	1	23	143		91	800	15	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck,.....	St. Matthew's,.....	2	227	147					168	5			5	2	42	220		1,092	1.398	18	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Calvin W. Derr,.....	First Ch., Spring City,	1	160					7	115	10		3	2	1	38	240		143	2,028	9	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa
I. Calvin Fisher,.....	E.Vincent and Pikeland	2	127				1		88					2	17	120		142	1,250	10	Kimberton, Chester Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Stubblebine,.....	Shenkle's.	1	96											1	14	100		3		10	Pottstown, Pa., Box 112.
G.W.Williard, D.D.,LL.D.	Act. Pres. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
James B. May,.....	Without Charge, ...																				Birdsboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
*David P. Lefevre, ...	" "																				Burlington, Alamance Co., N. C.
Henry Tesnow, Lic.,.....																					Oak Lane, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch, Lic , ...																					New York City.
Vacant,.....	Eastern Shore, Md., ...	1	85	42	3		6		65				2	1	13	33		10	46	7	Ridgeley, Caroline Co., Md.
	†St. John's, Del.,.....	1																			
		29	5433	1367	155	140	248	259	4441	125		98	85	30	624	5473	10	$17,252	$61,713	287	

*Dismissed to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac. † No report.

LEMMATA.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN LANCASTER, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO.

The Sessions Commenced on the Evening of the Nineteenth, ana continued until the Evening of the Twenty-fourth Day of the Month inclusive, Adjourning at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 19, A. D., 1892, at 7:30 o'clock, in accordance with the appointments made at the last annual meeting. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., from St. John, 16: 12.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—From East Penna. Classis.

Ministers: T. O. Stem, J. W. Mabry, J. O. Lindaman, W. F. More, S. P. Mauger.

Elders: Jacob Rader, John Remaly, John Gemmel, Josiah B. Woodring.[3]

II.—From Lebanon Classis.

Ministers: L. D. Stambaugh, Samuel A. Leinbach, Adam J. Bachman and Warren J. Johnson.

Elders: W. F. Saltzer, John H. Cilley.[2]

III.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Ministers: Dr. Jas. Crawford, Josiah D. Detrich,[3] Jos. H. Hendricks, Chas. E. Wehler, Henry T. Spangler, I. Calvin Fisher.

Elders: F. C. Hoover,[2] Andrew J. Baker, H. M. Housekeeper, F. G. Hobson and Jacob Y. Dietz.[3]

IV.—From Lancaster Classis.

Ministers: Dr. T. G. Apple, J. H. Pannebecker, A. B. Shenkle, Jno. M. Titzel, D. W. Albright, Dr. F. A. Gast.

Elders: Jno. J. Nissley, Philip Bausman, E. H. Burkholder, Jacob E. Ranck, W. W. Moore.

V.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: S. P. Brown, Jno. A. Danner, Wm. G. Engle.

Elders: B. Boyer, H. H. Conrad, J. G. Rassler.

VI.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: Miles O. Noll, S. S. Kohler, Geo. W. Gerhard.

Elders: Wm. Moyer, Dr. Samuel Transue.

VII.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Ministers: S. M. K. Huber, L. K. Evans, I. S. Stahr.

Elders: N. C. Roeder, Abm. H. Keely, Reuben Riegner.

VIII.—From Tohickon Classis.

Ministers: L, C. Sheip, J. J. Rothtrock.

Elders: Wm. Hartman, H. C. Cressman.

IX.—From Lehigh Classis.

Ministers: Dr. S. G. Wagner, Geo. W. Richards, Thos. J. Hacker, Jas. N. Bachman, Thos. N. Reber.

Elders: Dr. L. C. Berkemeyer, Chas. H. Ruhe, A. W. DeLong.

X.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Ministers: Jno. W. Steinmetz, H. A. Keyser, D. D., A. S. Leinbach, D. D., R. O'Boyle.

Elders: Daniel Miller, Dr. A. S. Roudenbush, Chas. A. Meck, P. A. Roth.

XI.—Wyoming Classis.

Ministers: D. E. Schoedler, A. Houtz, A. M. Masonheimer.

Elders: H. S. Rinker, Henry Stahl, Mahlon Metzgar.

Advisory Members.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. J. E. Heister, D. D., Thos. M. Yundt, A. Gonser, D. E. Klopp, D. D. and H. J. Welker.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., Chas. H. Coon, G. W. Williard, D. D., C. J. Musser and H. H. Apple.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Theo. Apple, D. D., Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., L. J. Mayer, A. C. Whitmer, D. W. Gerhard, S. Scweitzer, E. N. Kremer, M. H. Sangree, John S. Stahr, D. D., Jno. M. Souder, Wm. F. Lichliter, F. Pilgram, S. M. Roeder, J. Stewart Hartman, R. C. Schiedt, Geo. F. Mull, M. M. Noacher, J. W. Meminger, F. A. Rupley.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. J. Calvin Leinbach, R. E. Butz.

Tohickon Classis.—Revs. B. B. Ferer, N. Z. Snyder.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. W. R. Hofford, D. D., J. Alvin Reber.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Wyoming Classis.—Rev. Geo. S. Sorber.

SYNOD OF POTOMAC.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. John A. Hoffheins, D. D.

Zion Classis.—Revs. S. N. Callender, D. D., J. O. Miller, D. D.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. F. A. Lindaman.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. F. A. Rupley, D. D.

GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.

German Philadelphia Classis.—Rev. Geo. B. Seibel.

Other Churches.

Lutheran Church, Rev. Chas. L. Frey, Rev. B. F. Alleman, Rev. E. Meister, Rev. Hassler.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, D. D.

Presbyterian Church, Revs. Edw. Cooper, D. D., J. Y. Mitchell, D. D.

Moravian Church, Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D.

Bethel Church, Rev. J. H. Esterline, Rev. A. H. Long.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers of Synod for the ensuing Synodical year, viz:

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., President, Allentown, Pa.
Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, Stated Clerk, Reading, Pa.
Rev. Miles O. Noll, Cor. Sec., Bellefonte, Pa.
Elder J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

The reading of the rules of the order was dispensed with. The President defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first ten pews from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, namely: Morning session, from 9 to 11:30 A. M.; afternoon session, from 2 to 4:30 P. M. The Monday evening session began at 7:30 P. M. and closed at 11 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following as the standing committees:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. J. O. Lindaman, Prof. Henry T. Spangler, Rev. John A. Dannar.

Edlers: Andrew J. Baker and Jacob E. Ranck.

Overtures: Rev. S. A. Leinbach, Rev. Miles O. Noll and Rev. Robert O'Boyle, Elders John Gemmel and A. Conrad.

Religious Services.—Rev. J. W. Meminger, Dr. T. G. Apple and Dr. J. M. Titzel, Elders Philip Bausman and E. A. Burkholder.

Minutes of Classis.—Rev. T. O. Stem, W. F. More and A. M. Masonheimer, Elders F. G. Hobson and Dr. L. C. Berkemeyer.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Dr. F. A. Gast, Dr. H. A. Keyser and Rev. L. C. Sheip, Elders Jacob Rader and H. M. Housekeeper.

Religion and Morals.—Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. Chas. E. Wehler and A. B. Shenkle, Elders B. Boyer and Mahlon Metzgar.

Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. A. S. Leinbach, Rev. Dr. James Crawford and Rev. L. K. Evans, Elders John J. Nissley and A. W. DeLong.

Missions.—Rev. O. H. Strunk, Rev. A. Houtz and Rev. T. N. Reber, Elders Prof. Wm. Moyer and Henry Stahl.

Finance.—Rev. Geo. W. Richards, Rev. George W. Gerhard, Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Elders Chas. H. Ruhe and W. F. Saltzer.

Nominations.—Rev. L. K. Evans, Rev, J. J. Rothtrock and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Elders W. Hartman and N. C. Roeder.

Publication.—Rev. W. J. Johnson, Rev. D. W. Albright and Rev. J. W. Mabry, Elders H. C. Cressman and Reuben Reigner.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion, and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and also the Annual Report of the Board of Education, were read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

4. The Report of the Board of Home Missions was read by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, and the Report of Dr. S. N. Callender, the Secretary of the Board Foreign Missions, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

6. Numerous other documents were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod of Harrisburg were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items as claim the attention of Synod. The Committee presented its report on Thursday. It was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to present the following report for your consideration:

Item 1, page 44, a. The Synod appointed a committee of five to act conjointly with similar committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, to select a location, collect funds, and procure plans for the erection of a Seminary building.

b. This Committee is to coöperate with the Trustees of the Seminary in the matter.

Item 2, page 55 a. Synod assumed $14,000 for Home Missions, and $25,000 for church building.

Item 2, page 56, b. The Synod assumned $1,800 for Hungarian Missions, and apportioned $1,000 upon the Classes of Synod.

Item 3, page 60. The Synod recommends the transfer of the missions under the care of the Bi-Synodic Board to the care of the General Synod's Board.

Item 4, page 65. Classes are asked to pay arrearages on Harbor Missions, and, if they do not pay them, state their reasons for not complying with the order of Synod.

Item 5, page 66. Arrearages of the Classes.

Item 6, page 67. Apportionments upon the Classes.

Item 7, page 74. The Stated Clerk was directed to have 3,300 copies of the minutes of Synod printed.

Item 8, page 78. Synod appointed a committee to act with committees of Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods in the matter of giving these Synods a representation in the Boards of the Theological Seminary, and Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster.

Item 9, page 82. Synod requests the managers of the Orphans' Home to arrange for the continuance of "Bethany Day."

Item 10, page 85, a. The Classes are requested to apportion each classical year an amount equal to two life memberships in the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc.

b. The Synod decided hereafter to set apart an evening, or part of an evening, to present the claims of the Society.

Item 11, page 86. Synod resolved to set apart an evening at the next annual meeting to discuss Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. LINDAMAN, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, laid on table until Committee on Minutes of Classes report. Attended to partially. The sixth item was erased. The seventh item attended to. For action

on eighth item see Article XXI., on Government; on ninth item, see Article XX., on Orphans' Home. Tenth item partially attended to. Second part of item referred to Committee on Religious Services. Eleventh item attended to.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures read its report, which was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Overtures respectfully report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands.

Item 1. A catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 2. Catalogue of Ursinus College.

Item 3. Order of service with Heidelberg Catechism compiled and arranged by Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Item 4. Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 5. An invitation of the Synod from the Rev. Chas. L. Fry, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, of this city, to participate in a Thanksgiving service commemorative of the discovery of America.

Item 6. Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and the Widows of Deceased Ministers.

Item 7. A statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 8. A complaint of the Classis of Goshenhoppen against the Classis of Philadelphia.

Item 9. A communication from the Stated Clerk of Pittsburg Synod with reference to the election of Dr. Wm. Rupp, to the chair of practical theology in the Seminary at Lancaster.

Item 10. A communication from Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., with reference to nominations for trustees of F. and M. College.

Item 11. A cummicatiou from Potomac Synod with reference to the centennial celebration of the Synod.

Item 12. A communication from Potomac Synod, informing this Synod who the nominees of that Synod are for the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and also for Board of Trustees of the College.

Item 13.—A copy of the new edition of the book entitled the "Anxious Bench," and also a copy of a book for young people entitled "Hold the Fort."

Item 14. A letter from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, the lessee of Synod's publications, giving a reason for the delay in printing last years' Minutes.

Item 15. A copy of the *American Advocate of Peace.*

Item 16. The report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

Item 17. A booklet entitled "The Needs of the Theological Seminary," by Rev. J. C. Bowman.

Item 18. A communication from the editor of the Lancaster *Examiner* submitting a bid for printing the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAMUEL A. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

The action on 1, 2 and 5 was a return of thanks, and ordering the catalogues to be placed in Archives; for action on 3, 6, 11, 12, 14, and 16, see Article XXII, Miscellaneous; on 4 see Article XX on Orphans' Home; on item 7 see Article XIV, Missions; on item 8 see Article XVII, on Complaint; on 9, 13 and 18 see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on item 15 no special action; on item 17 see Article XV, on Finance; on item 19 referred to Stated Clerk of Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious service. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported the following appointments from time to time, which were received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Mr. President, your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to offer the following report of services to be held during the Synod:

Thursday Evening. An educational convention addressed by Prof. E. L. Kemp, of Palatinate College; Rev. H. T. Spangler, of Ursinus College; Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., of Franklin and Marshall College; Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., of the Theological Seminary.

Friday Evening. A Missionary Meeting conducted by Rev. A. C. Whitmer and addressed by Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., and Rev. T. J. Hacker.

Saturday Evening. Preparatory services, sermon preached by Rev. James Crawford, D. D.

Sunday, 10:30. Holy Communion with sermon by Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D. Early service 6:15 P. M., addressed by Elder F. G. Hobson and Rev. D. E. Schoedler. 7:15 P. M., sermon by Rev. C. E. Wehler.

St. Stephen's Church.—Sermon by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

First Reformed Church.—Sermons by Rev. L. K. Evans and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

St. John's Reformed Church.—Rev. J. H. Pannebecker and Thos. N. Reber.

St. Luke's Reformed Church.—Rev. Sydney S. Kohler and Rev. Wilson F. More.

Trinity Lutheran.—Rev. Warren J. Johnson and Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

First Presbyterian.—Rev. J. D. Detrich and Rev. D. W. Albright.

St. John's Lutheran.—Rev. Miles O. Noll and Rev. J. H. Hendricks.

First Methodist.—Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

Moravian.—Rev. L. C. Sheip.

Union Bethel.—Rev. S. M. K. Huber, Rev. L. D. Stambaugh.

Memorial Presbyterian.—Rev. J. J. Rothtrock and Rev. J. A. Danner.

St. Paul's M. E.—Rev. O. H. Strunk, Rev. J. O. Lindaman.

St. Stephen's Lutheran.—Rev. J. W. Steinmetz and Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

Christ Lutheran.—Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard and Rev. Robert O'Boyle.

Western Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Alfred Houtz and Rev. Miles O. Noll.

Grace Lutheran.—Rev. Geo. W. Richards.

Evangelical.—Rev. W. F. More.

Marietta.—Rev. W. F. Brown.

Millersville.—Rev. J. O. Lindaman and Rev. A. Houtz.

Willow Street Reformed Church.—Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. W. MEMINGER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday. It was disposed of at intervals, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:—

Your committee would respectfully submit, that we have examined the Minutes of the Classes referred to us, and find the following items for consideration.

Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis closed its special meeting without prayer, p. 46.

2. Philadelphia Classis closed its sessions without prayer, pp. 8, 10.

3. West Susquehanna Classis closed a special meeting without prayer, p. 38; and the Stated Clerk fails to certify that the Minutes are an official copy from the original records, pp. 8, 35.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis does not attach its seal to the minutes of one of its special meetings, pp. 58.

5. Lehigh Classis does not index its minutes by way of marginal references; does not certify the minutes of a special meeting, p. 48; and closed a special meeting without prayer, p. 44.

6. Schuylkill Classis (*a*) fails to furnish Synod with a complete schedule of items as required by Synod; and (*b*) contrary to custom, appoints *elders* on Committees of Installation of Pastors, pp. 6, 34, 42, 43, 45, 46,

7. Wyoming Classis closed special meetings without prayer, pp. 6. 12; and does not incorporate in its minutes the call for a special meeting nor give date of call, p. 44.

Requests.

1. Goshenhoppen Classis refers to Synod a certain resolution bearing on Article 49, section 2 of the constitution of the Church, and asks for it a more general adoption by this Synod, p. 39.

2. Wyoming Classis requests Synod to excuse it from accepting the apportionment for church building, p. 22.

Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred by Synod with the following exceptions.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis declines to change its ministerial roll as requested by Synod, but directs its Stated Clerk to indicate all changes in notes appended to the statistical table, p. 42.

2. Lebanon Classis does not accept the reported arrearage on Harbor Mission apportionment, but reiterates its action of last year, p. 25.

3. Philadelphia Classis does not accept apportionment for church building, p. 34: and also declines to give any reason for not paying arrearages on apportionments, p. 38.

4. Tohickon Classis (*a*) does not acknowledge any arrearage on Harbor Mission apportionment, p. 19, (*b*), and does not instruct its Stated Clerk to change the ministerial roll, p. 20.

5. Lehigh Classis does not adopt Synod's request to change the ministerial roll, p. 21.

6. Wyoming Classis (*a*) declines to make full apportionment for Relief Society, p. 23, (*b*), and does not acknowledge any arrearage on apportionment for Wichita University, p. 22.

Appeals and Complaints.

1. Goshenhoppen Classis enters complaint against Philadelphia Classis for receiving the "Trinity Christian Church" of Skippacksville, Pa., pp. 51, 52, 53.

Licensure and Ordination, Etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis ordained Lic. Morgan A. Peters and Lic. Wallace H. Wotring; received Rev. James B. May from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. John F. DeLong from West Susquehanna Classis, Lic. Chas. E. Creitz from Lehigh Classis, Rev. L. M. Kerschner from Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. O. P. Steckel from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Rev. S. U. Mitman to Lehigh Classis, Rev. Charles W. Levan to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Rev. Charles B. Weaver to Tohickon Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Mr. Harvey E. Kilmer; received Rev. E. L. Kemp from Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior, Rev. Warren J. Johnson from the Classis of Maryland, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Albert Gonser from the Classis of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio; dismissed Lic. Harvey E. Kilmer to the Classis of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. Oscar P. Steckel to the Classis of East Pennsylvania; and erased at his own request the name of Lic. B. F. Biery.

3. Philadelphia Classis ordained Lic. Henry Tesnow; received Rev. Jeriah S. Shade from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, Lic. Henry H. Apple from Lancaster Classis, Rev. Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D., from Lehigh Classis, and Rev. Silas L. Messinger from Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. S. R. Breidenbaugh to Schuylkill Classis, and Rev. S. U. Snyder to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Henry H. Apple; ordained Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.; received Rev. Rufus W. Miller from Schuylkill

Classis, Lic. Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Frederick A. Pilgram from St. Paul's Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; dismissed Rev. John F. Moyer to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Lic. Henry H. Apple to Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. John P. Stein to Schuylkill Classis.

5. East Susquehanna Classis licensed Isaac M. Schaeffer; received Rev. L. D. Steckel from West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. W. G. Engle from Wyoming Classis; dismissed Rev. C. W. E. Siegel to Wyoming Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Bruce W. Cronmiller; dismissed Rev. John F. DeLong to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. L. D. Steckel to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Lic. Bruce W. Cronmiller to the Presbytery of New York City; received Rev. F. Wilson Brown from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod, and Rev. S. L. Whitmore from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis ordained Lic. H. A. I. Benner and Lic. O. H. E. Rauch; received Lic. O. H. E. Rauch from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. Earnest Clapp to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, Synod of New York of the Reformed Church in America, and Rev. H. A. I. Benner to Wyoming Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis received Rev. A. P. Horn from Lehigh Classis, Rev. H. F. Long from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Charles B. Weaver from East Pennsylvania Classis; dismissed Rev. T. C. Strock to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Charles E. Creitz, Charles E. Schaeffer, S. P. Stauffer and George B. Smith; dismissed Rev. A. P. Horn to Tohickon Classis, and Rev. Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D., to Philadelphia Classes; Lic. Charles E. Creitz to East Pennsylvania Classis; received Rev. W. W. Deatrick from Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod and Rev. S. U. Mitman from East Pennsylvania Classis.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed Henry K. Miller and Andrew H. Smith; ordained Lic. Henry K. Miller, Lic. David Scheirer and Lic. W. J. Muir.

11. Wyoming Classis licensed Mr. E. C. Musselman; dismissed Rev. Wm. G. Engle to East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. E. D. Miller to Cettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. A. S. Bromer to Philadelphia Classis; received Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod, and Rev. C. W. E. Siegel from East Susquehanna Classis; and erased the name of Rev. Wm. T. Auman from its roll.

Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Farmersville, Northampton county, Pa., on Monday before Ascension Day, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Slated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bismark, Lebanon county, Pa., on Monday preceding Ascension Day, May 8th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. William J. Kerschner, *President;* Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Seventh and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, May 9th, A. D. 1893, at 8 P. M. Rev. Chas. H. Coon, *President;* Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church of Steelton, Dauphin county, Pa., on Thursday, April 13, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, *President;* Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church, Elizabethville, Dauphin county, Pa., on Wednesday, June 14th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. John A. Danner, *President;* Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. Peter's Church, Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., the third Monday in May, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Lewis Robb, *President;* Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Christ (Huber's) Reformed Church, Niantic, Montgomery county, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, May 9, A. D. 1893, at 2 P. M. Rev. L. Kryder Evans, *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Richlandtown, Bucks county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 12th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. L. C. Sheip, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Lehighton, Carbon county, Pa., on Monday May 15th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Thos. N. Reber, *President;* Rev. Moses H. Dieffender, *Stated Clerk.*

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D. D., *President;* Rev. George B. Walbert, *Stated Clerk.*

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Emmanuel's Reformed Church, Hazleton, Luzerne county, Pa., on the first Wednesday in June (the 3d), A. D. 1893, at 8 P. M. Rev. A. Houtz, *President;* Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*

All the items under the head of Irregularities were adopted. For action on the first item under the head of Requests, see Article XXI., on Church Government. The second item under Requests was adopted. Subjects Referred, all the items under this head were adopted. For the action of Synod on the item under the head of Complaints, see Article XVII., Complaints. All the items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission, also those under the head of Time and Place for the Next Annual Meeting of the Classes, were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination report that no applicants were referred for examination; nor was there any other business demanding the attention of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. GAST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The reports on the State of Religion and Morals, together with the statistical tables from the various Classes placed in our hands have enabled us to formulate the following:

With joy and gladness of heart and sincere gratitude to God, we are permitted to say, that all the Classes, with marked unanimity voice the feelings of profound thanksgiving to God for prosperity and growth in all the things that pertain to the well-being and de-

velopment of the church; all breathe the spirit of cheer and encouragement. May not the Synod express its deep appreciation for the prosperity accorded to the churches within her bounds in the past, and humbly invoke God's blessing for the future.

In passing from the general to the more particular, we acknowledge the goodness of God to His ministers; in health and strength were they enabled to prosecute the work of their ministry among the souls intrusted to their care, and, from far and near, as a response to God's favor come the testimonials of fidelity to, and earnestness in their holy calling. The visible results of their devotion and zeal are certainly encouraging; of the good seed sown that has not manifested visible fruitage, we may not now speak; God alone giveth the increase.

We rejoice to record that the past year was one of decided activity and progress. Among the more external evidences we may enumerrate – new church buildings erected, others enlarged, remodled and beautified, and church debts liquidated. Five new congregations organized and established, eighteen more Sunday-schools appear on the record, and with 2,299 more members on the roll of the churches, together with 2,053 more Sunday-school scholars, show that statistically we have grown stronger. While these facts are cheering, yet when we examine into the internal life of the church, we find even better testimony of growth and development. A clearer apprehension of the truth as it is revealed in Christ Jesus on the one hand, and of Christian privilege on the other, seem to characterize the present status of the church within our bounds.

In support of the above we adduce the testimony of the Classical reports in that the attendance upon the service of the sanctuary has increased to the extent that it is deemed worthy of mention, showing clearly a higher appreciation of the privilege of worshiping God and of being taught the saving truths of the gospel.

Children, through believing parents, as well as adults, have availed themselves of the grace and promise of the Sacrament of Baptism in increased numbers; and furthermore, while the roll of members is increased by two thousand, yet have three thousand more than last year come with believing hearts and received the rich blessing and grace of the Secrament of the Lord's Supper. This advance from nominal membership in the church to living union and fellowship with Christ the great Head thereof, while in itself worthy of high consideration, is also bearing fruit along other lines.

Greater attention is given to the developing of personal piety through the means of family worship; an earnest fostering of religion and morals among the young people of the congregation and community, improved methods of Sunday-school work; an increase of interest in the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad; a general and cordial response to the appeals of the church for aid, and an increase in the spirit of liberality, especially and markedly so in the offerings for benevolence; all go to show that the spirit of love to Christ and of devotion to the church is deepening.

The facts of sin and worldliness come like a plaintive wail from the churches, and we record it only as a challenge to an increase of piety and still more aggressive activity on the part of believers in behalf of the upbuilding of Christ's eternal kingdom as over against the powers of sin and darkness. The fact that the wayward were admonished and unworthy members disciplined, instead of giving occasion for lament, should rather encourage; since with the unpalitable fact comes the knowledge that the church is keeping herself pure in order to a proper reception of the Bridegroom when he cometh.

By a careful analysis of the statistics for the year, in addition to the figures already referred to, we find reason for rejoicing in all the items but one. More congregations and Sunday-schools with more members on the roll of each, more baptisms and confirmations, an exceptional increase in the number of communicants as compared with last year, all go to show increased vitality and strength. The fact that notwithstanding the large increase in membership, the number of unconfirmed members is less by 108 than last year, cleary indicate that catechisation and confirmation have not lost their value among us as a means of induction into the church. 126 more deaths are reported than last year, yet this is scarcely in proportion to the church's increase, and in this matter we may safely say the Lord hath dealt lightly with us. The one item referred to is a decrease of four in the number of students for the Holy Ministry; may the Lord speedily move the hearts of young men to consecrate themselves to this high office and thus meet the pressing need of the church.

With profound pleasure we record the marked increase of nearly $41,000 in the benevolent offerings for the year. The sum total contributed being more than four times as large as that of ten years ago and five times larger than that of fifteen years ago. Having

safely passed the $100,000 line, even though special activity in certain directions may have brought about this pleasing result, may we not express the hope that the church will in the future never recede from it, especially in the coming, the centennial year of the organization of the Synod.

During the year death has opened a passage way unto eternal life for two of our brethren in the Ministry. Rev. C. F. McCauley, D. D., of Schuylkill Classis and Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., of Philadelphia Classis. After years of earnest toil and holy devotion to their high calling, in the several spheres of their activity, they now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Elders Prof. Wm. M. Nevin and Wm. H. Seibert, Esq., both of Lancaster Classis, and well known to the Synod, after filling their several fields of usefulness in the church militant, have been called to the realities of the church triumphant; of these, our dear departed, another pen will give proper necrological record.

And now unto the Tri-une God Who hath hitherto blessed and prospered us and to Whom we look for future comfort be all the honor and the glory now and forever, Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

NECROLOGY.

The following record of the labors of those who departed during the year was prepared and submitted by the Stated Clerk to Synod, and by its instruction is incorporated in its published minutes.

REV. CHARLES FIREY MCCAULEY, D. D., died June 19, 1892.

Charles F. McCauley, son of Hugh and Catharine McCauley, was born January 5th, 1816, at Ringgold's Manor, Md. In his youth he attended the High School of the Reformed Church, at York, Pa. In 1835 he entered the Sophomore Class of Yale College, and was graduated in 1838 from that institution. Several years were devoted to teaching in Natchez, Miss. He subsequently entered the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, and was graduated in 1843.

On the 11th of June, in the same year, he was ordained and installed as the pastor of the Reformed Church, at Middletown, Md.

Dr. McCauley was [illegible] June 11th as pastor of [illegible]
Became pastor at [illegible]

In 1855 he became pastor of the 2nd Reformed Church, at Reading, Pa., where he labored with much success for 36 years.

On account of failing health he resigned his position as pastor, whereupon the congregation elected him Pastor Emeritus. Dr. McCauley was married to Miss Maria, daughter of Adam Hoke, of Mercersburg, Pa., who died August 13, 1879, thus preceding him for a period of 13 years to the eternal world. On Sunday afternoon, June 19, 1892, Dr. McCauley closed his eventful career at the age of 76 years, 5 months and 14 days. The funeral services were held in the Second Reformed Church, on Monday, June 27, and his earthly remains were interred in the Charles Evans Cemetery, at Reading, Pa., where he now rests in hope of a blessed resurrection.

REV. PETER SEIBERT DAVIS, D. D., died August 9th, 1892.

Peter Seibert Davis, a son of Hon. Elias P. Davis, was born March 21st, 1828, in Boonsboro, Md. His early education was received in the house of his father under private tutors. He entered Marshall College, at Mercersburg, Pa., in 1845, and was graduated in 1849. During his College course he read Theology privately, under the instruction of the late Dr. Jno. W. Nevin, and subsequently continued his Theological course at Princeton, N. J.

He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1850, by the Maryland Classis, and became assistant to the late Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D., pastor of the 1st Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md. In 1853, he was ordained by the Classis of Virginia, and installed pastor of the Centenary Reformed Church, Winchester, Va. In 1857 he was elected Prof. of Ancient Languages and English Literature in Mt. Washington Female College, near Baltimore, Md.

In 1860 he became pastor of the Church of the Ascension, at Norristown, Pa., and in 1864, he accepted a call to Zion Reformed Church, at Chambersburg, Pa. In 1875 he was elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*. On account of failing health in 1887, he resigned the position as editor.

Dr. Davis was married to Miss Emma Phreaner, of Lebanon, Pa. He died August 9, 1892, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Walter Peterson, at Wyoming, Ohio, at the age of 64 years, 4 months and 8 days. He was buried on August 13, 1892, at Cincinnati, Ohio, where in peaceful repose he awaits the resurrection of the just.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees and Visitors of Theological Seminary.* (*A.*) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I herewith enclose the Annual Report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

I beg leave further to say that the Board of Trustees of the Seminary held three meetings during the year. One on the 19th of November, 1891, at the Stevens House, Lancaster, Pa.; this meeting was *specially* called for the purpose of conferring with the Synodical Committee, to devise some plan of action, looking towards securing the necessary funds for the proposed Seminary buildings. Owing to some misunderstanding, the Synodical Committees met on the 17th inst., and thus it was impossible to have a conference with them. The members of the Board attending this meeting were: G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Israel Loucks, Geo. G. Heilman, J. D. Skiles, G. N. Forney and G. L. Freet.

A resolution was then passed appointing a Committee of the Board to co-operate with a committee of the Synodical Committee in regard to the above plan of action, and a resolution also that the Chair appoint the committee.

The committee are Charles Santee and George W. Hensel, of the Eastern Synod, Geo. N. Forney and Israel Loucks, of the Potomac Synod, and W. R. Barnhart and W. J. Bear, of the Pittsburg Synod.

It was also resolved that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to notify the Secretary of the Synodical Committee of the above appointment, and that they mutually agree on a time and place for meeting.

On motion adjourned.

GEO. N. FORNEY, *Secretary pro. tem.*

A second meeting was held in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., on the 12th of May, 1892.

Members present, Geo. W. Hensel, G. B. Kunkel, John B. Roth, J. D. Skiles, Charles Santee, George G. Heilman, Wm. R. Barnhart, J. H. Twitmyer, Israel Loucks, Edgar Slagle, Jacob Heyser, George N. Forney and Peter C. Wiest.

An election for officers was held, with the following result:

GEORGE W. HENSEL, *Pres.*
EDGAR SLAGLE, *Vice Pres.*
GEORGE B. KUNKEL, *Sec.*
J. B. ROTH, *Treas.*

Executive Committee was continued as follows:

D. W. Gross, G. B. Kunkel, J. B. Roth, G. W. Hensel and J. D. Skiles.

Dr. Gerhart presented a communication from the Pittsburg Synod, requesting the Board to direct the Treasurer to set to the credit of the Pittsburg Professorship the annual interest on $1.718.30 since 1877. On motion the request was granted, interest to be calculated at five per cent. per annum.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to inquire carefully into the purpose for which the $12,000 (heretofore reported as a building fund) was contributed, and the said committee report at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The President appointed Forney, Santee and Skiles, said committee.

After prayer the Board adjourned.

GEORGE B. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

A third meeting was held in the First Reformed Church, at Lancaster Pa., on the 22d of September, 1892.

Present: G. W. Hensel, Edgar Slagle, G. N. Forney, J. D. Skiles, Israel Loucks, Charles Santee, J. B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, A. G. Renninger, Josiah Kerns, M. J. Reigel and Jacob Heyser.

After some action was had in regard to other matters the Board adjourned.

JACOB HEYSER, *Secretary pro. tem.*

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 18, 1892.

Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1891.		Dr.	
Sept. 24.	For balance due, per account rendered		$702.26
" 24.	" Interest rec'd Lehigh Classis to Oct. 1, 1891		7.50
" 28.	" " East Susquehanna Classis to July 1, 1891,		15.00
Oct. 2.	" " F. Schaum, to Oct. 1, 1891		1.50
" 3.	" " Allentown F. Col. Bonds, in full		44.65
" 3.	" " Kieffer legacy to Oct. 1, 1891		237.50

Oct. 3.	For Interest rec'd		Cook legacy to Sept. 1891	$30.00
" 9.	"	"	I. F. Bassler to Oct. 1, 1891	21.00
" 15.	"	"	A. and A. J. Fritz to Oct. 1, 1891	82.50
" 21.	"	"	D. Groff to Oct. 1, 1891,	30.00
" 21.	"	"	Henry Keen to Oct. 1, 1891	30.00
" 27.	"	"	St. Stephen's Chapel, Oct. 29, 1891	30.00
Nov. 6.	"	"	Killough mortgage, Nov. 1, 1891	75.00
" 6.	"	"	T. G. Apple, D. D., Jan. 1, 1891	12.00
" 11.	"	"	M. A. Cessna, May 15, 1891	60.00
" 23.	"	"	Richardson mortgage, Dec. 1, 1891	29.75
" 26.	"	"	U. Lysinger, Nov. 15, 1890	30.00
Dec. 6.	"	"	Mercersburg Classis, Jan. 1, 1892	24.00
" 30.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds, Dec. 1, 1891	150.00
1892.				
Jan. 11.	"	"	Geo. F. Baer, Oct. 1, 1891	30.00
" 12.	"	"	Amos Christ, Oct. 1, 1891	45.00
" 12.	"	"	Wyoming Classis, July 1, 1891	15.00
" 13.	"	"	Lebanon Classis, Jan. 1, 1892	10.83
" 15.	"	"	D. H. Wingerd, Sept. 29, 1891	150.00
Feb. 8.	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, Feb. 8, 1892	105.00
" 12.	"	"	Lane & Co., Feb 1, 1892	187.09
" 27.	"	"	I. F. Bassler, April 1, 1892	21.00
" 29.	"	"	John Becker, Feb. 28, 1892	240.00
Mar. 5.	"	"	on loan	3.50
" 17.	"	"	E. S. Stehman, Feb. 3, 1892	30.00
" 25.	"	"	St. John's Lutheran Church bonds to Nov. 15, 1891	49.49
April 1.	"	"	E. B. Fritz, April 1, 1892	81.00
" 1.	"	"	S. J. Johnston, April 1, 1892	60.00
" 1.	"	"	H. Westley, April 1, 1892	42.00
" 1.	"	"	A. Cunkle, April 1, 1892	42.00
" 1.	"	"	Sam'l M. Keen, April 1, 1892	75.00
" 1.	"	"	Isaac S. Groff, April 1, 1892	82.50
" 2.	"	"	John J. Bruckart, April 1, 1892	126.00
" 4.	"	"	S. G. Wagner, D. D., April 1, 1892	6.00
" 4.	"	"	D. Groff, April 1, 1892	30.00
" 4.	"	"	W. Lysinger, Nov. 15, 1891	60.00
" 5.	"	"	Amos Christ, April 1, 1892	45.00
" 16.	"	"	Kieffer legacy, April 1, 1892	237.50
" 16.	"	"	Cook legacy, March 1, 1892	30.00
" 16.	"	"	Henry Keen, April 1, 1892	30.00
" 16.	"	"	Jacob Fritz, April 1, 1892	82,50
" 16.	"	"	W. F. Hambright, April 17, 1892	60.00
" 16.	"	"	Jacob A. Metzger, April 1, 1892	78.00
" 19.	"	"	Mercersburg Classis, on account	1.00
" 20.	"	"	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., dividend 35 and 36,	35.00
" 23.	"	"	Job Robinson, April 25, 1892	18.00
" 23.	"	"	Jacob Heyser, April 1, 1892	262.50
" 27.	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis, on account	5.22
May 2.	"	"	P. H. Ermentrout, April 1, 1892	270.00
" 5.	"	"	Zion's Classis, May 1, 1892	23.22
" 9.	"	"	Killough mortgage, on account	65.00
June 4.	"	"	" " to May 1, 1892	10.00
" 13.	"	"	Gymnasium note account	50.00
" 14.	"	"	H. A. Keefer & Co., April 1, 1892	110.00
" 15.	"	"	Gymnasium note account	30.00
" 27.	"	"	" " "	5.00
" 27.	"	"	St. John's Lutheran Church Bonds, May 15, 1892	106.00

June 28.	For Interest rec'd		H. B. Hartman, June 21, 1892	$200.00
July 11.	"	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co., dividend	3.10
" 22.	"	"	Gymnasium note account	25.00
" 26.	"	"	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co. dividend, No. 37	15.00
Aug. 6.	"	"	U. Lysinger. May 15, 1892	30.00
" 12.	"	"	Geo. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1892	120.00
" 12,	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to August 8, 1892	105.00
" 27.	"	"	John Becker, to August 28, 1892	240.00
Sept. 9.	"	"	John B. Roth, to July 1, 1892	125.00
" 16.	"	"	Rec'd for Elocution and Sem. aid to date	283.98
" 16.	"	"	On Lehigh V. R. R. bonds to June 1, 1892	150.00
				$5,955.09

1891. **Cr.**

Oct. 5.	By amount paid		Steinman's bill	$2.89
Nov. 5.	"	"	T. G. Apple on account salary	200.00
" 5.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart on account salary	200.00
" 5.	"	"	F. A. Gast on account salary	200.00
" 14.	"	"	Witmer's bill, Paper, etc	23.18
" 14.	"	"	Taxes on Kansas Mortgage	7.70
Dec. 4.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart salary to Jan. 1, 1892	175.00
" 4.	"	"	T. G. Apple salary to Jan. 1, 1892	175.00
" 4.	"	"	F. A. Gast salary to Jan. 1, 1892	175.00
1892.				
Jan. 9.	"	"	Wohlson's bill	.75
" 13.	"	"	Reilly Bros. & Raub's bill	29.16
" 22.	"	"	Wohlsen's bill	5.00
Feb. 5.	"	"	T. G. Apple on account	200.00
" 5.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart on account	200.00
" 5.	"	"	F. A. Gast on account	200,00
Mar. 3.	"	"	T. G. Apple to April 1, 1892	175.00
" 3.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart to April 1, 1892	175.00
" 3.	"	"	F. A. Gast to April 1, 1892	175.00
" 3.	"	"	Janitor services to April 2, 1892	100.00
" 19.	"	"	P. O. Stamps for Catalogues	7.50
" 19.	"	"	Theo. Sem. ad. in Almanac	20.00
" 21.	"	"	⅓ bil of Catalogues 892.	34.50
" 30.	"	"	J. B. Roth on account salary	100.00
May 18.	"	"	T. G. Apple on account	200.00
" 30.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart on account	200.00
" 30.	"	"	F. A. Gast on account	200.00
" 30.	"	"	Silas S. Neff, Elocution	250.00
June 9.	"	"	John F. Pontz, Painting	34.30
" 13.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart to July 1, 1892	175.00
" 13.	"	"	T. G. Apple to July 1, 1892	175.00
" 13.	"	"	F. A. Gast to July 1, 1892	175.00
" 13.	"	"	Janitor services to July 1, 1892	50.00
" 15.	"	"	Sem. ad in Oriflamme 1892	9.00
" 25.	"	"	P. N. Wohlsen's bill	6.42
" 27.	"	"	John Dickel's bill	4.20
July 13.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart on account	200.00
" 13.	"	"	T. G. Apple on account	200.00
" 15.	"	"	F. A. Gast on account	200.00
Aug. 26.	"	"	E. V. Gebhart to Oct. 1, 1892	175.00
" 26.	"	"	T. G. Apple to Oct. 1, 1892	175.00
" 26.	"	"	F. A. Gast to Oct. 1, 1892	175.00
" 26.	"	"	Janitor services to Oct. 1, 1892	50.00
Sept. 6.	"	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill	72.25

Sept. 10.	By amount paid	John B. Roth in full		$100.00
" 10.	"	"	W. U. Hensel, Prof. Services	50.00
" 13.	"	"	Library Fund Int. to Oct. 1, 1892	65.99
" 13.	"	"	Klopp legacy I t. Oc. 1, 1892	40.00
" 13.	"	"	int. Prize Essay Fund, Oct. 1, 1892	75.00
" 16.	"	"	Pittsburg Prof. Fund Int., $969	48.45
				$5,686.29

Se t. 22, 1892, Balance due Theological Seminary $268.80

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

J. B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

Dr.

1891.				
Oct. 5.	To amount received		E. Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod, Elocution	$75.00
Dec. 29.	"	"	" C. M. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, Elocution	75.00
" "	"	"	" C. M. Boush, Treasurer from Zion's Congregation, St. Paul's Classis, Rev. J. D. Thomas, Pastor	7.47
1892.				
Apr. 30.	"	"	" D. B. Mauger, Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis	9.00
May 5.	"	"	" Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Elocution	1.00
June 9.	"	"	" Lancaster Classis, Elocution	7.00
" 14.	"	"	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer of West Susquehanna Classis	.51
July 13.	"	"	" Philadelphia Classis, Elocution	3.00
Aug. 13.	"	"	" Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis of Elocution	10.00
Aug. 24.	"	"	" Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod, in full	75.00
Sept. 12.	"	"	" Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis to Oct. 1, 1891, Elocution	14.00
" 19.	"	"	" Lancaster Classis, Elocution	7.00

Sept. 16, 1892, Charged to Treas. in Seminary current expense account . $283.98

Library Account of Theological Seminary.

John B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

Dr.

1891.		
Sept. 22.	To balance due to date	$30.34
1892.		
April 1.	To interest paid by John Heily	60.00
Sept. 13.	" " from Endowment Fund to Oct. 1, 1892	65.99
		$156.33

1892.	Cr.		
Jan. 27.	By amount paid F. M. Christern's bill	$4.80	
April 2.	" " S. H. Zahm & Co.'s bill	15.10	
July 22.	" " F. M. Christern's bill	2.80	
Sept. 3.	" " Masterman & Co.'s bill	7.70	
			30.40
			$125.93

1892. *Building Fund.*

Amount of principal	$12,883.05
Sept. See below (Additional received)	37.57
	$12,920.62

All interest received on same to date credited to, and accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.

This fund is not made up entirely of contributions given for that purpose. Some of the obligations stated for building, whilst others named endowment, and for benefit of Theological Seminary. It was named Building Fund, because then, as now, the erection of the buildings was prominently before the church.

Aug. 31. Received of Schuylkill Classis per Rev. John M. Steinmetz, Treasurer	$12.57
Aug. 31. From same as a contribution from Rev. Geo. M. Roth	25.00
	$37.57

1891. *Pittsburg Prof. Fund.*

Sept. 22. Principal of Fund	$2,687.30
Sept. 16, 1892. Interest on $969 to Oct. 1, 1892	48.45
Amount of Fund Oct. 1, 1892	$2,735.75

Statement, How this Fund is made up:

Pittsburg Prof. notes paid	$1,326.17
Bequest of Rev. Abner Dale	100.00
	$1,426.17
Interest credited by Treasurer of Theo. Sem. to Oct. 1, 1877,	292.13
	$1,718,30
Aug. 19, 1891. Received per Rev. A. E. Truxel	600,00
Aug. 28, 1891. " " "	369.00
	$2,687.30
Interest account	48.45
	$2,735.75

Under date of Oct. 1, 1878, the Theological Seminary Board ordered the Treasurer to transfer all interest received on principal of Fund in hand at that time, to the current account of Theological Seminary, and has been so accounted for to date.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Sept. 22, 1892.

1892. *Smaltz Fund.*

Sept. 22. Am unt of Fund is	$5,000.00

Dr.

Nov. 16, 1891.	To interest received to Oct. 1, 1891.	$137.50
May 3, 1892.	" " " " April 1, 1892	137.50
June 29,	" " " " " July 1, 1892	68.75
June 30,	" " " " addit onal.	56.25
		$400.00

1891. Cr.

Nov. 16.	By check to Rev. C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer . . .	$137.50
May 3, 1892.	" " " " . . .	137.50
June 29. "	" " " " " . . .	68.75
Sept. 13. "	" " " " " . . .	56.25
		$400.00

18 *The William A. Wilt Fund.*

Sept. 22. Amount of principal is $833.33

Interest on same accounted for to date in current expense ac. of Theo. Seminary.

1891. *Prize Essay Fund in Church History.*

Sept. 22.	Amount of principal of Fund as per report of Treasurer . .	$758.30
" "	Interest paid by week on Fund to date	25.00
Nov. 12.	Amount received of J. B. Fricker, of Reading, Pa	25.00
" 23.	" " " Rev. Henry Mosser, of Rea ing, Pa. . .	50.00
" 24.	" " " Jas. T. Reber, of Reading, Pa	25.00
Dec. 21.	" " " Rev. C. W. Levan's obligation	116.70
		$1,000.00
Jan. 8, 1892.	" " " Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff	1,000.75
	Total of Fund	$2,000.75

Sept. 22, 1892. By interest in full on Fund to Oct. 1, 1892 . . . . . $75.00

1891 *Endowment Fund Account.*

Sept. 22.	Principal of Fund is.	$82,452.65
May 12, 1892.	Received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis.	152.00
May 25.	Received from same	51.00
June 23.	" of Jacob Bausman, Treas. of F. and M. College, one-third of the proceeds of the Wilhelm Estate to June, 1892	535.61
		$83,191.26

Endowment Fund is	$83,191.26
Smaltz Fund is	5,000.00
Library Fund is	1,819.96
Building Fund is	12,920.62
Pittsburg Prof. is	2,735.75
Prize Essay Fund is	2,000.75
Wm. A. Wilt Fund is	833.33
Total	$108,501.67

All of which is respectfully presented.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, Sept., 22, 1892.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we find them correct.

EDGAR SLAGLE,
ISRAEL LOUCKS, *Committee.*

(*c*.) *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with CHAS. G. FISHER, ***Treasurer.***

Cr.

Oct. 9, 1891. By balance in Treasury	$457.90
By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of East Pennsylvania Classis	640.00
" " I. G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis	703.18
" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis	300.00
" " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis	339.72
" " J. B. Roth, Treas. of Theo. Sem., int. from Smaltz Fund	400.00
" " J. W. Wetzel, Esq., int. from Braught Fund	150.00
" " J. K. Funck, Treas. of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	129.00
" " J. J. Nissley, Treas. of Eastern Synod, int. Gerhart Legacy,	6.00
" " John B. Roth, Treas. of Theo. Sem., int. from Klopp Legacy,	40.00
" " Interest on Loans	396.13
" " amount returned by Rev. C. B. Schneder	400.00
" " from White Marsh Congregation, Rev. J. D. Detrich	40.00
" " Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	50.00
" " Missionary Society, Denver, Pa.	10.00
" " H. S. D. from "T. O."	1.00
	$4,062.93

Dr.

To Cash Paid Beneficiaries of East Penna. Classis	$640.00
" " " Lancaster Classis	339.72
" " " Lehigh Classis	300.00
" " " Tohickon Classis	703.18
" " " Smaltz Fund	550.00
" " " Braught Fund	150.00
" " " General Fund	895.00
" " " St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	129.00
" " Rev. Theo. Appel, Salary Secretary	20.00
" " For expenses to Lancaster	4.00
Balance in Treasury	332.03
	$4,062.93

Having examined the foregoing report (with vouchers), I find it to be correct. THEODORE APPEL.

(*b*) *Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

REVEREND BRETHREN: As Secretary, the undersigned, hereby respectfully presents to your honorable body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1891–1892.

The Seminary was opened in September, 1891, under encouraging auspices. At that time the following persons were enrolled on the list of students as members of the Junior Class: Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W.

Brugh, John W. Buck, George S. Butz, I. Silas Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinso Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinceke, Charles M. Smith, Otto K. Spessard, D. Snider Stephans, Louis C. Summer and J. Grant Walter. Twenty-three in all.

Of this number, fourteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, three of Heidelberg College, one of Catawba College, one of Calvin College; and of the remaining two, one had received his preparatory training at the Academy of Ursinus College and the other at the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Middle Class, numbering twenty-two members, consisted of the Junior Class, whose names were given in our report one year ago, without any changes.

The members of the Senior Class, fifteen in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having moreover sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed at the end of the Seminary year and awarded the usual testimonials to that effect at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. The names are as follows: Henry H. Appel, Albert B. Bauman, Atvil Conner, Charles E. Creitz, Daniel G. Hetrick, William Mann Irvine, U. Oliver H. Kershner, Charles E. Schaeffer, Isaac M. Schaeffer, Andrew H. Smith, George B. Smith, E. William Stonebreaker, Simon Waugaman, Gotthold A. Neff and Frederick A. Rupley. Of this number seven will be able to officiate both in the English and the German language.

Thus there were sixty students in connection with the Seminary during the year 1891-1892, which shows a considerable larger number in attendance than there was during any previous year in the history of the institution. Such evidences of progress go to indicate that as the wants and necessities of the church increase, the Lord is providing for us a more plentiful supply of ministers of the Gospel to enter vacant fields at home and abroad.

The instructions in Elocution under Prof. Silas S. Neff, principal of the School of Oratory in Philadelphia, supported by a corps of able assistants, has been satisfactory, and, as it is believed, highly useful to the students. The Board, together with the Faculty, are therefore of the opinion that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until a more permanent arrangement can be made, both for the College and the Seminary, to take its place.

Should the three Synods so decide, it will devolve on the Eastern Synod to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary $100.00, the same as last year, to meet the necessary expenses thus to be incurred.

The Board has the pleasure of informing the Synod that the endowment of a *Prize Essay* was completed during the year by voluntary contributions amounting to $2,000 for this purpose. A distinguished friend of the Seminary proposed to give $1,000 for this object, provided an additional amount of $1,000 should be contributed by other friends of the Seminary. The full amount was made up in December, 1891, without any difficulty. Thereupon the Faculty decided that the interest of this fund should be awarded as a prize, each year, to that member of the Senior Class who in the judgment of the Faculty shall have attained to superior excellence in Church History, and written the best Essay on any previously assigned topic in Church History, in the judgment of the Faculty or of three competent examiners. Said prize shall be called "The Schaff Prize in Church History."

Further, it affords the Board additional gratification to be able to state that the Class of 1892, which completed the regular course of study last spring, offered to establish a prize in Sacred Rhetoric "by paying the interest of $500 to the member of the Middle Class who, in the opinion of three judges, writes the best sermon. The prize is to be awarded on the ground of truth and the literary finish with which the sermon is prepared." This proposition was accepted and the thanks of the Board extended to the class.

The Board has endeavored to discharge its duties faithfully in its supervision of the Seminary during the past year, and it is happy that it is once more able to report that its affairs are in a posperous condition. The professors have endeavored, as we believe, to perform their duties in the fear of God as teachers of His Word. As regards the conduct of the students and their industry in their studies there is no room for complaint. Satisfactory evidence of their progress was given in their examinations, which were creditable. They have been active in Sunday-school, in Missionary Societies, in prison visitation, and in rendering assistance to the pastors in the city churches. During the year there was a large demand, perhaps too much so, for their services from pastors and vacant charges outside the city of Lancaster. These were rendered as freely as the claims of their regular duties would allow.

In conclusion, we may be permitted to add that the growing pros-

perity of the Seminary and of our other institutions of learning at Lancaster is most truly a matter which should call forth sincere gratitude to God throughout all our churches. Founded in great weakness yet in faith by the fathers, they are becoming more and more fruitful each year in supplying our vacant congregations and missionary fields with faithful and well-equipped ministers of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., Oct., 1892.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary Building.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee to secure the money for the erection of a building for the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, respectfully report as follows:

The Committee met soon after the annual meeting of your Reverend Body, in conjunction with the Committee of the Synod of the Potomac, and a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. At this joint meeting the situation was thoroughly discussed, and the Committee of this Synod was appointed a sub-committee to whom the entire matter was referred. This sub-committee met three times during the year, and adopted the following plan to raise the money:

That the Classes be requested to call special meetings, to be attended by members of the Committee, and to adopt such measures as in their judgment would be best adapted to secure liberal contributions from the people in the respective Classes. Such meetings were held in the nine Classes in the early part of the year, and favorable action was taken by all of them. A committee was appointed in each Classis, who were to enter upon the work at once under the general direction of the Committee of Synod. The remaining two Classes took similar action at their annual meeting. According to the reports of these Committees to the Committee of Synod, the work has been begun in Lancaster, Lehigh, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna and East Pennsylvania Classes. Nearly eighteen thousand dollars are reported subscribed, part of which has been paid. The other Classes expect to enter upon the work during the coming winter. It affords us great pleasure to be able to report that the members of the Church are waiting for the opportunity to give their liberal share to this home for their school of the profits.

If the Classical Committees but move energetically, and the pastors realize the willingness of their people to give, the necessary amount would be in hand in a very few months.

Inasmuch as the Synod made no provision for the expense of this work, your Committee was in doubt as to Synod's mind on that subject. Hence much of the work was attempted by letter, which could have been done more efficiently and more speedily by personal interviews.

No site for the building has been purchased, because those in view have been held at too high a figure. As soon as any one of them can be bought at a fair price, it will be secured.

In order that the Committee might act intelligently, to the best interests of the Seminary and Church, in having plans for the building made by architects, three members visited several neighboring seminaries. From what has been learned during these visits, and in view of the particular needs of our Seminary, the Committee is prepared to submit data to architects for a building.

The Committee desires to put on record that they received valuable assistance from Rev. J. C. Bowman, of the Seminary Faculty, by way of advice and in the canvass for funds, and also that Rev. C. J. Musser canvassed Lancaster city with very encouraging success.

In consideration of the above we respectfully recommend the following action to your reverend body, viz:

1. That the chairman of Synod's Committee be appointed a Superintendent with ample power and a full discretion to organize and conduct the canvass within the bounds of the Synod, that it may be completed, if possible, during the present Synodical year.

2. That the Classical Committees, pastors and people be requested to give the Superintendant and Committee prompt support and active coöperation.

3. That the new Seminary building include class-rooms, chapel, library and domitories.

4. That the Synod add three members of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary to aid and assist this Committee in purchasing ground, adopting plans of building, making contracts, and supervising the construction and furnishing of the building, and also that they be instructed to begin the work of building so soon as the funds may warrant it.

5. That sixty thousand dollars be the minimum amount to be raised and expended in the erection of the Seminary building, this being the judgment of the Joint Committee of the Synods.

6. That this Synod make ample provision for meeting all the necessary expenses that may be incurred by the Committee, and that the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to honor their bills.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. H. PANNEBECKER,
REV. B. B. FERER,
REV. T. J. HACKER,
ELDER JOHN W. BICKEL,
ELDER H. H. CONRAD,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Report on Theological Seminary was considered item by item and adopted.

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to offer the following report: The following papers were placed in our hands:

(1.) The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; (2.) The report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary; (3.) The report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; (4.) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; (5.) A letter from the students of the Theological Seminary; (6.) The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary Building; (7.) A booklet entitled "The Needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.," by Prof. J. C. Bowman.

From the reports we learn the following facts to which we call the attention of Synod:

(1.) From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1891, twenty-three members were admitted to the Junior Class; that the middle class consisted of twenty-two members; and that at the end of the year the students of the Senior Class, fifteen in number, having completed the full course of study, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, were regularly dismissed to enter upon the active duties of the holy ministry. Thus sixty students, a number larger by fourteen than last year's report, have been in attendance at the Seminary. The Lord is providing laborers for the harvest. Two prizes have been established the last year. "The Schaff Prize in Church History," and the "Prize in Sacred Rhetoric." The professors have been faithful in the high and sacred duty of teaching and training the young

men committed to their care; and the young men are reported as not only studious in habit, in character well behaved, but especially active in Sunday-school and Mission work, in prison-visiting, in supplying city churches during vacation, and in assisting the Committees of the Classes in supplying vacant churches. The Seminary is prospering and is worthy of our confidence and support.

(2.) From the report of the Trustees of the Seminary we find that this board held three meetings during the year. The Treasurer has been ordered to set to the credit of the Pittsburg Synod professorship the annual interest, at 5 per cent., of $1,718.30 since 1871. The board further appointed a committee to inquire into the character of the so-called $12,000 Seminary Building Fund, and to suggest how the matter may be disposed of and to report at its next meeting. The Secretary pro. tem. fails, however, to give us a report of the final action of the board on this point. The Board expresses its willingness to act in conjunction with the Committees appointed by the Synod in the matter of erecting a Seminary building.

(3.) From the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary we find: (1.) That on September 22, 1892, there was a balance on hand of $268.80; (2.) There are funds in his hands to the amount of $108,501.61; of which $83,191.26 is endowment; $5,000.00 is the Smaltz Fund; $1,819.96 is Library Fund; $12,920.62 Building Fund; $2,735,75 is Pittsburg Professorship Fund; $2,000 Prize Essay Fund; $833.33 Wm. A. Wilt Fund.

(4.) This Synod is overtured by the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary to again contribute $100.00 toward the payment of the Salary of the Teacher of Elocution in the Seminary during the coming year.

(5.) From the Treasurer of the Board of Education it appears that the receipts for the past year have been $4,062.93; expenditures, $3,740.90, leaving a balance in hand of $332.03.

(6.) From the letter addressed to this Synod by the students of the Theological Seminary, the great and immediate need of a Seminary building is made only the more apparent.

(7.) The Committee on Seminary Building reports considerable preliminary work done in the way of plans and organization for the purpose of raising funds for the proposed building, and that already considerable monies have been raised in different parts of the Synod.

In view of the facts thus set forth, your committee recommends the following resolutions for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod gratefully acknowledges tbe blessing of the Lord in the prosperity of the Seminary; that it rejoices in the large number of students and their faithfullness; that it highly appreciates the labors of its professors.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the founding of the "Schaff Prize in Church History," and hereby express its appreciation of this generous act on the part of the worthy donors.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod is also highly gratified to learn that the second prize, viz., of Sacred Rhetoric, has been established by the members of the Class of '92 of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, 4. That the Synod assume the sum of $100.00 to be apportioned among the Classes for paying the salary in part of the Teacher of Elocution in the Seminary.

Resolved, 5. That the Synod adopt the preamble of the report of the Committee on the Seminary Building, and the resolutions modified so as to read as follows, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod appoint a Superintendent who shall have the privilege of selecting assistants, and who shall be with his assistants invested with power to organize and so conduct the canvass within the bounds of Synod that it may be completed, if possible, during the coming year.

Resolved, 2. That the Classical Committees, pastors and people be requested to give the Superintendent and his assistents prompt support and active co-operation.

Resolved, 3. That it is the judgment of Synod that in making provision for the needs of the Seminary a building be constructed which shall include class rooms, prayer hall, reading room and library, and that, hereafter, a separate building, if deemed necessary, shall be erected containing dormitories for the students.

Resolved, 4. That this Synod appoint a Building Committee, consisting of two members of the Board of Trustees, one member from each of the three Eastern Synods, one member from the Faculty of the Seminary and one member who shall be taken from Synod's Committee for raising funds for the Seminary Building.

Resolved, 5. That this Committee, with large discretionary powers, be authorized to purchase grounds, if advisable, adopt plans, make contracts, and have supervision of the construction and furnishing of the building; and that they be instructed to begin the work of building so soon as the funds may warrant.

Resolved, 6. That sixty thousand dollars be the minimum amount to be raised and expended in the erection of these buildings.

Resolved, 7. That the President appoint a committee of which he shall be the chairman, to name the person or persons who shall fill the positions of Superintendent and committeemen named in the above resolutions.

Resolved, 8. That this Synod make ample provision for meeting the necessary expenses that may be incurred by the Committees, and that the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be instructed to honor such bills.

Resolved, 9. That Synod accepts with appreciation of its peculiar value at this particular time, the booklet by Prof. J. C. Bowman, of the Seminary, on the needs of the Theological Seminary, and that it commend it for circulation among the churches; and that, should a second edition be needed, the expense of its publication and distribution be met by the Synod.

We finally suggest that the letter addressed to the Synod by the students of the Theological Seminary be read.

A. S. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

The 7th Item in the foregoing report was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Dr. S. G. Wagner, James Crawford, L. K. Evans, A. S. Leinbach, and Elders J. J. Nissley and A. W. De Long, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the 7th Resolution in the Report on Theological Seminary recommend Rev. J. H. Pannebecker as a suitable person to act as Superintendent of the general work of raising funds for the new building. It further recommends that the Building Committee shall consist of the following members:

To represent the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, John D. Skiles, of Lancaster, Pa., and G. N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa.; to represent the Eastern Synod, Jacob Fricker, of Reading, Pa.; the Potomac Synod, P. C. Wiest, of York, Pa.; the Pittsburg Synod, Bernard Wolff, of Pittsburg, Pa.; the Seminary Faculty, Prof. J. C. Bowman, of Lancaster, Pa., and Synod's Committee for raising funds, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Geo. W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburp, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. Santee, Philadelphia; Geo. G. Heil-

man, Heilman Dale; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.; Dr. Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Geo. W. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; H. W. Shriver, Union Mills; S. N. Hensch, York, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa.; Jacob Heyser, Chambersburg, Pa.

Pittsburg Synod.—Josiah Kern, Saegertown, Pa.; Dr. J. H. Twitmyer, Sharpsville, Pa.; Wm. R. Barnhart, Creensburg, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. John Philip Stein, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. Henry M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Rev. J. G. Noss.

Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Hiram King, Somerset, Pa.; Albert E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.

In view of the fact that Elders Daniel W. Gross, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Aaron G. Renninger, of Allentown, Pa., have been for many years Trustees of the Theological Seminary, whose names with this meeting of the Synod disappear from the Seminary Board of Trustees, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk is hereby instructed to convey the thanks of Synod to Elders Daniel W. Gross and Aaron G. Renninger for the valuable service rendered to the church for so many years in the capacity of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The nomination of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., to the Pittsburg Synod Professorship of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, was brought to the attention of Synod in the Report on Overtures, and the 9th item.

The communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. Thos. G. Apple, James Crawford and Elder J. J. Nissley.

The committee presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The committee to whom was referred the election of Dr. Wm.

Rupp, to a Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully presents the following report:

A paper was placed in our hands from the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburg Synod, notifying this Synod that the Pittsburg Synod had selected as the chair for its Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., "that of Practical Theology, including such discipline as Cultus, Catechetics, Homiletics, Church Polity, Christian Ethics, etc., subject to such modifications as may be agreed upon by the Faculty and Board of Visitors in the future; and that said Synod of Pittsburg had elected Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., as its choice to fill said chair, and nominated him as such to this Synod.

Inasmuch, as the charter of the Seminary requires that the professor shall be elected by this Synod, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby sets apart the election herein called for as the order of the day for Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Resolved, That this professorship shall be known as the Pittsburg Synod Professorship, the support of which is provided for by said Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its thanks to God for this laudable contribution by the Pittsburg Synod to the efficiency of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod is hereby instructed to communicate this action to the proper authorities of the Pittsburg Synod, and to request them to make arrangements for the installation of Dr. Rupp, in case he accepts the call, at such time and place as they may select.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod is hereby instructed to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp, with the seal of Synod, according to the provisions of the Constitution bearing on this subject.

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

On Monday afternoon, October 24, 1892, at 2:30 o'clock, the election was held. The Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod, and, in accordance with these instructions, the vote was cast in favor of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., and he was declared by the President to be duly elected to the Pittsburg Synod Professorship of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

ARTICE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the Year Ending October 1, 1892.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, representing the Eastern and Potomac Synods, present their report for the year ending October 1, 1892. The Board having held two special meetings during the year, and circumstances making it difficult to secure a quorum for an annual meeting at the usual time, this report has been prepared and adopted by the Executive Council.

The Synods will notice that this report differs from those of former years, lacking their details and statistics and giving only a general view of the work. This is owing to the fact that the yearly report of General Synod's Board now in a large measure takes the place of our report, with all necessary details and statistics.

The most important act of the Board during the year was the transfer of all our Missions to the management and control of the General Board, in accordance with the action of your reverend bodies a year ago. Your Board met the Executive Committee of the General Board in Altoona, Pa., in January, 1892, and in joint conference with them agreed upon the details of the transfer, which are as follows:

1. The transfer to take effect April 1, 1892.

2. All Missions outside the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods to be transferred absolutely, this Board retaining all pecuniary claims that we hold against said Missions.

3. The Missions within the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods shall report to Superintendent Whitmer, who shall transmit these reports with his recommendations to the General Board through the General Superintendent.

4. Money for Home Missions raised by apportionment on the Classes within the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods shall be sent to Treasurer Seibert, who shall make monthly remittances to Treasurer Santee.

5. This Board shall hold its legacies and trust funds, and shall control the use of its Church-building Funds.

6. The Eastern and Potomac Synods shall nominate the Superintendent of their own territory, said nomination to be referred for election to the General Synod or the General Board, as the case may require.

7. This Board and Executive Council shall meet as heretofore.

8. Superintendent Shuey to be retained until October 1, 1892, the General Board fulfilling our financial obligations to him.

9. The General Board is requested to send a representative to the annual meetings of this Board.

10. The Bi-Synodic Department of the *Missionary Guardian* to be discontinued.

11. The General Board shall fulfill our obligation to the German Board of the East for $150 a year until October 1, 1892.

After a brief discussion and explanation, these details were unanimously adopted. The formal transfer was made at a meeting of the two Boards in Lancaster, Pa., April, 1892; and therefore while your Board continues to have the oversight and care of the Missions within your bounds, we have only advisory power in their management.

We rejoice to say that our work is in good condition. Three Missions have become self-supporting, namely: Bangor, Pa.; Stafford, Ore., and Williamsport, Pa. The following Missions have been enrolled during the year: Royersford, Pa.; Tower City, Pa.; Memorial Church, Allentown, Pa.; Northeast Baltimore, Md.; West Rowan, N. C.; Harrisville, Va.; Albino, Ore.; and St. Thomas, Reading, Pa.; (Seattle, Washington, was only re-enrolled). The following Missions were enrolled by request of the General Board: Franklinville, Bethel and Messiah Missions, Philadelphia, Pa.; Phœnixville, Prospectville and Scranton, Pa. Accordingly the roll at present numbers thirty-seven Missions, only one of which is now vacant.

As our Missionary year began October 1, and as the Missionary year of the General Board begins April 1, it has been found necessary to allow the appropriations of the present year to continue to April 1, 1893.

The Reverend Synods will be pleased to hear that the Board has now on record twenty church-building funds, six of which have been received during the year; but we regret to add that less than $1.500 have come into our treasury on the apportionment for this part of our work. As your Board must have money for this work,

we again ask that the same apportionment as last year be sent down to the Classes, namely, $2.500 by the Eastern Synod and $1.500 by the Potomac Synod.

We gratefully report the gift of $1.000 from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt of Hanover, Pa., being amount of legacy of Elder Henry Wirt to this Board, but awarded by the court to Mrs. Wirt, owing to a defect in the will. In this gift Mrs. Wirt sacredly carries out his intent.

As the apportionment for the coming year will be asked by the General Board, we need only urge the full payment of what is assumed; and this we most earnestly and affectionately do, not only because so many new Missions within your own bounds have lately been enrolled, but also for the sake of other new and important fields that should have early enrollment—to say nothing of a great and growing work within the bounds of other Synods toward whose support much help must come from the east.

It pains us to report the death of Elder William H. Seibert, the Treasurer of this Board from its organization; and we desire here to record our high appreciation of his long and faithful service in the Board, especially as its patient and pains-taking Treasurer. The Eastern Synod will please note this vacancy in its representation; and both Synods will please note that Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., has been elected Treasurer of the Board.

Herewith we transmit the report of the Treasurer, duly audited, calling your attention to the small amounts received as compared with the large apportionments assumed. Brethren, come to our help, that your work may be fully done.

Many things might profitably be added to this report, but even then much would be left unsaid. We humbly lay our work upon the altar of the Lord, praying for acceptance in his name.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President of the Board.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

II. Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of your late Treasurer, Elder Wm. H. Seibert, I herewith present the report of finances of the Board for the year ending September 26, 1892.

For Missions.

Sept. 22, 1891. To balance in the Treasury		$2,520.49
Received from the Classes of the Eastern Synod:		
Philadelphia	$541.17	
Tohickon	1,114.75	
Goshenhoppen	1,398.76	
East Penna.	560.00	
Lebanon	455.74	
Schuylkill	1,852.75	
Lancaster	797.70	
East Susquehanna	910.27	
West Susquehanna	449.22	
Lehigh	1,349.08	
Wyoming	200.00	$9,629.44
Received from the Classes of the Potomac Synod.		
Maryland	$1,286.16	
Mercersburg	537.98	
Juniata	949.71	
Carlisle	514.19	
Zion's	521.23	
Gettysburg	218.00	
Virginia	38.70	
North Carolina	145.00	
Portland, Oregon	50.20	$4,261.17
From Miscellaneous Sources.		
Interest on Spangler legacy	$43.75	
W. M. S. of Eastern Synod for Steelton	300.00	
Interest on Gerhart legacy	6.00	
Interest on the Premell loan	143.00	
" " Hutchinson loan	114.00	
Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas	10.00	
Iola, Kansas, Mission, per Rev. W. E. Shaley	5.00	
Interest on Seidel loan	150.00	
" Grove "	120.00	
" loan to the Mission, Abilene, Kansas	90.00	
Rent of Church at Sioux City, Iowa	19.00	
Part of Editorial Salary Missionary Herald, 1890	42.75	
Interest on the Kunkel loan	120.00	
Rev. A. S. Dechant, amount overpaid returned	37.50	$1,201.00
From the Henry Wirt Fund		$1,000.00
Received for work other than that of the Board.		
Schuylkill Classis for Hungarian Missions	$132.00	
Tohickon " " " "	81.00	
Lehigh " " " "	91.00	
Goshenhoppen Classis for " "	172.61	
East Penna. " " "	49.00	
West Susquehanna Classis for Hungarian Missions	19.75	
Maryland " " "	36.94	
East Susquehanna " " "	27.80	
Maryland " Harbor Mission	35.44	
East Penna. " Rev. S. U. Mitman	280.00	
Schuylkill " " T. J. Bower	200.00	
Lehigh Classis for Rev. A. P. Horn & M. H. Dieffenderfer,	262.50	
West Susquehanna Classis for Rev. S. Kuhn	150.00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	500,00	$2,038.04
		$20,656.14

Disbursements.

By orders paid during the year	$10,570.09	
Paid to the General Board	5,974.30	$16,544.39

Paid as directed by various Classes.

For Hungarians Missions	$443.16	
For the support of certain ministers	1,392.50	$1,835.66
Paid salaries of Treasurer and Secretary	$150.00	
Paid traveling expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Stationery, etc	375.13	$525.13
September 26, 1892. Balance in the treasury		1,750.96
		$20,656.14

For Church Building.

Sept. 22, 1891. Balance in the Treasury		$1,642.53

Received on Apportionments.

Schuylkill Classis	$330.00	
West Susquehanna Classis	49.50	
East Susquehanna Classis	67.95	
Lancaster Classis	118.85	
East Penna. Classis	121.00	
Tohickon Classis	170.22	
Goshenhoppen Classis	230.00	
Zion's Classis	39.68	
Carlisle Classis	73.50	
Juniata Classis	186.24	$1,386.94

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Part of loan paid by Second Church, Harrisburg	$84.00	
Christian Cheer Society, York, Pa.	25.00	
Mrs. Frank P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	10.00	
Interest on Synod's bond	4.00	
" loan to Maryland Classis	16.50	$139.50

For Use Designated.

Johnstown, Pa.	$1.00	
Trinity Church, Altoona	20.00	
For Church at Roanoke, Va.	113.50	
" Church Extension	34.90	$169.40

Church-building Funds.

Tohickon Classis Fund	$195.17	
W. M. S. of East Penna. Classis Fund	140.00	
Santee Fund, repaid	150.00	
Joseph Keely Fund	500.00	
Irene May Thatcher Fund	500.00	
Benjamin Riegel Fund	500.00	
Rebecca Loudon Fund	500.00	$2,485.17
		$5,823.54

Disbursements for Church Building.

Aid to Kansas City, Mo., Mission	$400.00	
Loan to Church at Newcastle, Pa.	100.00	
Pledge to St. Luke's Mission, Lancaster, Pa.	50.00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	20.00	
Loan to Second Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	261.80	
Insurance on Church, Sioux City, Iowa	84.00	
Loan to Church at Lexington, N. C.	200.00	
" " Wichita, Kan.	1,500.00	
Church Extension in Baltimore, Md.	20.36	$2,636.16
Sept. 26, 1892. Balance in Treasury		3,187.38
		$5,823.54

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer pro tem.*

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed to audit the accounts of the late Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, report that we have examined his accounts, compared the vouchers and find them correct as stated, and a balance in his hands of $1,750.96 in the general fund and $3,187.38 in church-building account.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JNO. J. NISSLEY,
Committee.

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 30, 1892.

Above balance itemized:

Johnstown, Pa.	$1.00	
Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.	34.53	
Roanoke, Va.	113.50	
Tohickon Classis Church-building Fund	431.93	
W. M. S. of East Pennsylvania Classis Fund	140.00	
Charles Santee Church-building Fund, repaid	300.00	
W. M. S., of Schuylkill Classis Fund, repaid	100.00	
Hanover Fund No. 2, repaid	100.00	
Wm. A. Wilt Fund	666.67	
W. M. S., of Philadelphia Classis Fund	199.75	
Balance of Catharine Dietz Fund	100.00	
Benjamin Riegel Church-building Fund	500.00	
Rebecca Loudon " " "	500.00	
		$3,187.38

III. Secretary's Report—Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In the absence of a formal authorized report by the Board, which will be in full presented to the General Synod next spring, I beg leave to present to your Reverend Body, a very general statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan.

It is with profound gratitude to God, that I am able to say, that our work in Sendai is moving forward with indeed unexpected

success. Ever since the establishment of our institution for the raising up of a native ministry our work has been largely preparative, it requiring several years before the students could be conducted through the necessary educational course. This fall the First Class completed its course, and henceforth we may expect annual reinforcements to our band of native evangelistic workers. The Training School had a body of some 35 to 40 students until the completion of our new Seminary building. Since the occupancy of this new building during the last scholastic year, the number of students has increased at a surprising rate, till it reached its maximum number of 119. Thirty-eight of these are candidates for the Christian ministry. Of the whole number, 61 are Christians. This unlooked for increase in the number of students, forced the Board, even without the necessary funds in sight, in faith to send out another missionary teacher, to relieve our greatly over-burdened missionaries Hoy and Schneder, in the person of Rev. Henry K. Miller, who is now on his way to San Francisco, Cal., whence he expects to sail for Japan on the 27th inst. With these three fully equipped American teachers, in whose hands will be the branches which relate both directly and more remotely to our holy Christianity, aided by several native teachers of the secular branches, the Board believes the force of teachers will be sufficiently strong for the present wants of our school.

We have not had so large an increase of students in the Girl's School. The number being as per last report, 43. A considerable inflow of new scholars is expected during the coming term. Since Miss Hollowell has been added, the teaching force is considered adequate to the present wants of the school.

During the last several years, the labors of our Mission have, as already said, been largely devoted to the preparatory work of raising up a force of evangelistic workers. As a consequence, evangelistic work proper has received only partial attention, Brother Moore being the only one to whom this department was committed, and Brothers Hoy and Schneder rendering such help on Saturdays and Sundays as their oppressive labors as teachers in the Training School permitted. Now, however, that workers are coming out of our school, the grand aim of our work, viz., to win souls to Christ, is expected to go forward with new and growing activity. It is very clear then, that with increased activity and more widely extended labor in this department, it will become necessary in the near future

to reinforce this branch of work, by sending out one or two additional American evangelists, to labor in and supervise this department, manned as it largely will be by those who in reality are but babes in Christ themselves.

Thus with the blessing of God's Spirit is our work and field of service rapidly growing in our hands. The anxious question, now more than ever before, is coming to oppress us: "Will the home church sufficiently resound to this clear and loud call of God?" He has graciously blessed us and prospered us in our day of small things. Will we now, with growing and brightening opportunities, rise to our opportunities and go forward under the leadership of Him Who has promised to be with us always unto the end of the world?

Dear Brethren in the Lord, the Board appeals to you in the Saviour's precious name, to adopt such measures as will serve to so quicken the zeal of our ministers and members, as will enable it to press forward in the winning of souls, and in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom even unto the ends of the earth.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Sept. 23, 1892.

IV. The Report on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions read its report on Monday during the morning session. The report was considered item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report. The following documents have been referred to us:

1. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.
2. The report of the Board of Missions representing the Eastern and Potomac Synods.
3. The report of the Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley.
4. The report of the Commissioner of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We learn with pleasure that the work of the General Board has been very satisfactory. Some of the Missions have become self-sustaining, and new points have been established. Especially is it a source of thankfulness that the long desired plan of unification has been realized. This completion puts the work of five English Synods

under the control of one Board and secures the support of one hundred and seventy thousand members. Since every month new appeals are made to the Board from neglected districts for the preaching of the Gospel, the gifts of the membership of our church should be increased. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod assume the payment of $15,000 for Missions and $2,500 for church building, and that these sums be apportioned among the several Classes.

It is very encouraging to learn of the increase of Church-building Funds. There are twenty on record at present, and it is hoped that all the Classes will encourage these memorial offerings, which are accomplishing so much good.

2. *Resolved*, That the money apportioned for church building be equally divided between the General and Bi-Synodic Boards.

The work of Missions among the Hungarians of this country has exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. With two faithful Hungarian missionaries and nine organized congregations including a membership of fully three hundred, there is still a demand for another missionary among them.

3. In view of the urgent need of the work, it is recommended that $1,100 be apportioned among the several Classes.

4. We recommend the organization of a Missionary Society in the different Classes for the diffusion of missionary intelligence and as a means of securing funds for the operation of the Mission Boards.

In the examination of the report of the Foreign Board, we find many things which call for grateful praise to Almighty God in letting His divine favor rest upon our labors in Japan, the Training School having increased from 40 to 119 students, of whom 38 are candidates for the ministry. The sending out of the Rev. Henry K. Miller is an event for which the Church ought to be very grateful.

5. We, therefore, most heartily commend the cause of Foreign Missions to the sympathy and liberal support of the several Classes, requesting them to urge upon their several churches the importance of special offerings for the noble cause.

6. We, also, heartily commend the plan suggested by the Secretary of the Board for raising five dollar shares by the Sunday-schools for the support of Brother Miller in Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. STRUNCK, *Chairman.*

The amounts designated in the foregoing report for Home Missions, church building and for Mission work among the Hungarians, were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, to be apportioned on the several Classes.

Elder Wm. H. Seibert, for many years a faithful and active member of the Board of Missions, having died, the vacancy occasioned by his death was filled by the election of D. S. Keller, Esq., of Bellefonte, Pa.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received. Both Reports, with the exception several items contained in the Report of Trustees of Synod referring to vacancies in the Board, were referred to the Committee on Finance. The items referring to vacancies were referred to the Committee on Nominations. The following are the reports:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees beg leave to present the following report:

1. The Treasurer of Synod submitted his report, which was duly audited and found to be correct as stated, and a balance was found in his hands of $852.15 for contingent expenses of Eastern Synod, and $15 for bond due Home Mission Board.

2. Rev. J. F. Moyer, of this Board, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1896, having removed beyond the bounds of this Synod, tendered his resignation, which was duly accepted, and Rev. Warren J. Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

3. Rev. J. F. Moyer having also tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Synod, Elder John J. Nissley was appointed Treasurer to fill the vacancy.

4. The Board as now constituted consists of the following: Rev. O. P. Steckel, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1893; Hon. George Z. Stitzel, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1894; Rev. H. Mosser, D. D., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1895; Rev. Warren J. Johnson, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1896; Elder John J. Nissley, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1897.

5. The term of office of Rev. O. P. Steckel expires Jan. 1, 1893. According to the provisions of the Charter, we nominate Revs. Thos. C. Leinbach and I. E. Graeff, as suitable persons to fill the vacancy occurring by reason of the above named expiration of term.

6. We are constrained again to call the attention of Synod to the unpaid balance due on the loan made by order of Synod, for Wichita University; and would recommend that some action be taken by Synod looking towards the speedy payment of the same.

7. We also call attention to the apportionments yet remaining unpaid, as apportioned by Synod for other objects.

8. Whereas, there is a deficiency of $75.52 in the amount apportioned by the Eastern Synod for General Synod Contingent Fund, it should be provided for by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *Pres. of Board of Trustees.*

WARREN J. JOHNSON, *Vice Pres. and Sec.*

READING, Oct. 17, 1892.

JOHN F. MOYER, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1891.		CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.	
Oct.	24.	Cash from D B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis,	$57.00
Nov.	18.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Pennsylvania,.	78.00
			$135.00
1892.			
Feb.	8.	To cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer $135.00	

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892.		CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.	
Feb.	8.	To balance from former Treasurer, J. F. Moyer . .	$135.00
May	3.	Cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis . .	15.90
May	4.	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis.	48.50
June	3.	" J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis . . .	86.00
June	18.	" Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis . .	7.00
Aug.	13.	" J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis . . .	86.00
"	26.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis	78.00
"	31.	" I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis. . .	63.00
Sept.	14.	" H. C. Hoover, Tr. Philadelphia Classis .	40.00
"	14.	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. Classis	35.00
"	16.	" A. Houtz, Treasurer Wyoming Classis. .	7.00
"	17.	" J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis	40.00
"	29.	" John W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis	
"	29.	" M. H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.	88.00
Oct.	4.	" D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis	57.00
			$786.40

1892.		Cr.		
Feb.	9.	By cash paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer	$135.00	
June	1.	" " " " "	83.55	
Aug.	13.	" " " " "	159.85	
Aug.	31.	" " " " "	141.00	
Oct.	8.	" " " " "	267,00	$786.40

REV. JOHN F. MOYER, *Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1891.		CONTINGENT FUND EASTERN SYNOD.		
Oct.	17.	To balance in Treasury		$392.74
Oct.	24.	To cash, D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis,		59.00
Nov.	18.	To cash, Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis,		80.00
				$531.74
1891.		**Cr.**		
Oct.	19.	Paid D. B. Mauger, traveling expenses	$1.12	
"	19.	" Rev. J. Moyer, traveling expenses, postage, etc.	2.78	
"	26.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, expenses inauguration Prof. Bowman	6.43	
"	27.	" Rev. E. N. Kremer, expenses securing legal rights Pittsburg and Potomac Synods in the government Theological Seminary	16.30	
"	27.	" Rev. E. N. Kremer, for use and church expenses Synod at Harrisburg	25.50	
Nov.	5.	" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, expenses in behalf new Seminary building	9.78	
"	6.	" Rev. J. S. Stahr, expenses Unification Missions	10.10	
"	18.	" Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	150.00	
"	18.	" Rev. J. P. Stein, postage and other expenses	43.90	
Dec.	1.	" Rev. S. A. Leinbach, expenses Seminary Com.	3.40	
1892.				
Feb.	8.	Balance	$262.43	$531.74

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892.		CONTINGENT FUND EASTERN SYNOD.	
Feb.	8.	Balance from former Treasurer John F. Moyer	$262.43
May	3.	Cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis	17.00
May	4.	" " Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susqeuhanna Classis	73.00
June	1.	" " " " " " " "	8.00
June	18.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming "	8.00
Aug.	3.	" " J. K. Funck, " Lebanon "	88.00
"	26.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. "	84.00
"	31.	" " I. G. Gerhart, " Tohickon "	68.00
Sept.	14.	" " H. C. Hoover, " Phila. "	45.00
"	14.	" " W. A. Haas, " Wes Susq. "	40.00
"	14.	" " J. K. Funck, " Lebanon "	92.00
"	16.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, " Wyoming "	7.50
"	17.	" " " J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lan. "	45.00
"	29.	" " " M.H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh "	94.00
"	29.	" " " J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill "	88.00
Oct.	4.	" " D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen "	62.00
"	14.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming "	9.50
			$1,091.43

CONTINGENT FUND EASTERN SYNOD.

1892		Cr.		
April 27.	Paid Reformed Church Publication House Printing Minutes of Synod		$239.28	
Oct. 15.	Balance in Tr asury		852.15	$1,091.43

JOHN. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892. WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

May 24.	Cash from T. O. Stem Tr. East Penna. Classis			$6.00
June 1.	" " Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer Tr. Lehigh Classis			51.00
June 1.	" " T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis			12.00
Aug. 13.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis			80.00
Sept. 15.	" " Geo. Hill, Treas. E Susquehanna Classis,			52.00
Feb. 2.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis, Farmersville, charge account pledge		$10.00	
May 16.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis, bal.		7.69	
May 24.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis, Farmersville charge, account in full		10.00	27.69
				$228.69

1892.		Cr.		
June 1.	Paid John J. Nissley, on account of loan		$84.69	
Oct. 4.	" " " " "		144.00	$228.69

1892. SEMINARY AND GERHART FUNDS.

Feb. 18.	Cash for 6 months int. on $300, Harrisburg city bonds, Gerhart Legacy			$9.00
Feb. 22.	" from J. W. Mish, Tr., 6 months, int., Cook Legacy			30.00
Feb. 23.	" " A. and L. Mountz, 6 months int. on $4,500, Kieffer Legacy			112.50
April 2.	" " J. J. Bishop, 6 months int. on $5,000, Kieffer Legacy			125.00
Sept. 22.	" " 6 months int. on $300 Harrisburg city bonds, Gerhart Legacy			9.00
Oct. 4.	" " L, and A. Mountz, 6 months int. on $4,500, Kieffer Legacy			112.50
Oct. 4.	" " J. J. Bishop, 6 months int. on $5,000, Kieffer Legacy			125.00
				$523.00

1892.		Cr.		
April 14.	Paid J. B. Roth, Tr. Theological Seminary, 6 months int., Kieffer Legacy		$237.50	
April 14.	" J. B. Roth, Tr. Theological Seminary, 6 months int., Cook Legacy		30.00	
Sept. 22.	" J. J. Lemberger, Tr., 12 months int., Gerhart Legacy		6.00	
Sept. 22.	" Chas. G. Fisher, Tr. Board Education, 12 months int., Gerhart Legacy		6.00	
Oct. 4.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Missions, 12 months int., Gerhart Legacy		6.00	
Oct. 4.	" J. B. Roth, Tr., 12 months int., Kieffer Legacy		237.50	$523.00

1892. HUNGARIAN MISSION.

May 4.	Cash from Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis .	$27.80
" 24.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. " .	26.00
June 7.	" " J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lan. " .	50.96
July 1.	" " T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. " .	10.00
Aug. 22.	" Jacob K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon " .	114.00
Oct. 10.	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna " .	32.20
Oct. 11.	" Jacob K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon " .	18.00
		$278.96

1892. Cr.

June 3.	Paid W. H. Seibert, Tr. Home Missions	$53.80	
Aug. 6.	" Chas. Santee, Treasurer	60.96	
Oct. 8.	" " " "	114.00	
Oct. 12.	" " " "	50.20	$278.96

1892. BOHEMIAN CHURCH FUND.

May 4.	Cash from Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis .	$6.71
May 24.	" " " " " " " .	1.35
June 1.	" M. H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh " .	8.00
		$16.06

1892. Cr.

June 1.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer	$14.71
Oct. 12.	" " " " "	1.35
		$16.06

1892. BOND TO HOME MISSION BOARD.

May 4.	Cash from Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis .	$9.20
Oct. 10.	" " " " " " " .	5.80
		$15.00

1892.

Oct. 15.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	$15.00

JOHN F. MOYER, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1891. HARBOR MISSION.

Oct. 24.	Cash from D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis.	$90.00
Nov. 18.	" Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh " .	153.00
		$243.00

1892.

Feb. 8.	To cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer	$243.00

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892.	HARBOR MISSION.	
Feb. 8.	Cash balance from former Treas. John F. Moyer . .	$243.00
Feb. 15.	Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis.	21.00
May 4.	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna " .	38.04
May 14.	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. " .	60.00
May 24.	" " T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. " .	34.00
June 1.	" " M. H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh " .	46.00
July 1.	" " T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. " .	7.00
Aug. 22.	" J. K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon " .	94.82
Oct. 10.	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna " .	17.30
Oct. 11.	" J. K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon " .	17.00
		$578.16

1892.	Cr.		
Feb. 9.	Paid Chas. Santee, Treasurer	$213.00	
April 14.	" " " "	51.00	
June 1.	" " " "	178.04	
Oct. 8.	" " " "	101.82	
Oct. 12.	" " " "	34.30	$578.16

Arrearages.

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	Eastern Synod Contingent Fund.	Wichita University.	Bohemian Church Aid.	Harbor Mission Fund.	Bond to Home Mission Board.	Hungarian Mission.
East Penna, . .			$17.80		$149.00		$41.00
Lebanon, . . .					146.18		
Philadelphia, .			52.00	$18.00	80.32	$14.00	68.00
Lancaster, . .					15.50		13.04
East Susq., . .				1.44	17.66		
West Susq., . .							40.25
Tohickon, . . .							7.00
Lehigh, . . .				22.00	28.00		53.00
Wyoming, . . .	$30.34		13.00		41.50		60.00
Schuylkill, . .	82.00						
	$112.34		$82.80	$41.44	$478.16	$14.00	$282.29

We, the undersigned, Auditors appointed to audit the above Report of Treasurer of Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, have examined the above account and have found the same correct. And further, we find the balance in his hands of $852 $\frac{15}{100}$ for Contingent Expenses, Eastern Synod, and $15 for Bond to Home Mission Board.

GEO. D. STITZEL,
WARREN J. JOHNSON.

READING, PA., Oct. 17, 1892.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting this, my annual report, I beg to inform Synod that there is still a balance of $264 unpaid on the loan made for Wichita University; $201 has been paid during the year on apportionments and $27.69 on pledges, leaving unpaid $82.50 on the former and $336.01 on the latter. Also, that there is a deficiency in the apportionment for Contingent Expenses, General Synod, of $75.52 which should be provided for and might be paid out of the Contingent Fund of this Synod. I regret to report that much confusion and unnecessary labor has been caused by the failure of a number of the Classes to comply with the directions of Synod with reference to the payment of monies for Harbor and Hungarian Missions, some having paid direct to the General Board, others to Home Mission Board, and some as directed. If this can be avoided in the future, Synod will confer a great blessing upon its Treasurer. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report. It was considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to present the following report:

The following documents have been referred to the committee:

I. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

II. Certain items of the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

III. Certain items of the Report of the Committee on Missions.

IV. Certain items from the Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn:

1. That there is a deficit of $75.52 in the amount apportioned for General Synod Contingent Fund.

2. That there is due $264.00 on the loan made by Synod for the Wichita University.

3. That the following Classes are in arrears in amounts and for purposes as follows:

Classes.	General Synod Fund.	Wichita University.	Bohemian Church Aid.	Harbor Mission.	Bond to Home Mission Board.	Hungarian Missions.
East Pennsylvania		$17 80		$149 00		$41 00
Lebanon				146 18		
Philadelphia		52 00	$18 00	80 32	$14 00	68 00
Lancaster				15 50		13 04
East Susquehanna			1 44	17 66		
West Susquehanna						40 25
Tohickon						7 00
Lehigh			22 00	28 00		53 00
Wyoming	$30 34	13 00		41 50		60 00
Schuylkill	82 00					
	$112 34	$82 80	$41 44	$478 16	$14 00	$282 29

There is nothing in the Report of the Board of Trustees claiming the attention of Synod that is not covered by the Treasurer's Report.

From the items referred to the committee from the Report of the Committee on Missions we learn that the following amounts have been referred to Synod for apportionment among the several classes: Home Missions, $15.000; Church-building, $2,500; Hungarian Missions, $1,100.

Moreover the following amount has also been referred to us for apportionment: Teacher of Elocution, $100.

We recommend the following items for the consideration of Synod.

Item 1. That the balance of 75.52 due on this Synod's apportionment for the Contingent Fund of General Synod, and the balance of $264 due on Synod Loan for Wichita University, be added to the amount to be apportioned this year for the Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod.

Item 2. That although the apportionments for benevolent objects are not to be considered as legal debts, we nevertheless affectionately urge the Classes that are in arrears to make a strenuous effort to pay their respective arrearages.

Item 3. That in order to avoid confusion in the future, Synod again orders the Treasurer of the several Classes to pay the apportionment for the Synodical Contingent Funds, Wichita University, Bohemian Church Aid, Harbor Mission and Hungarian Mission into the hands of the Treasurer of our Synod.

Item 4. Your committee recommend the following apportionment upon the several Classes, viz:

Classes.	East Synod Contingent Fund.	Home Mission Fund.	Church-building Fund.	Hungarian Mission.	Teacher of Elocution.
East Pennsylvania	$114	$1,604	$268	$116	$12
Lebanon	134	1,882	313	135	14
Philadelphia	73	1,022	170	75	3
Lancaster	72	1,019	170	75	7
East Susquehanna	66	928	154	68	6
West Susquehanna	64	896	150	65	6
Goshenhoppen	96	1,345	224	98	9
Tohickon	97	1,380	228	100	10
Lehigh	114	2,026	338	146	14
Schuylkill	151	2,116	352	153	13
Wyoming	67	941	156	69	6
Total	$1,048	$15,159	$2,523	$7,110	$100

George W. Richards, *Chairman.*

At an election held on Saturday, during the afternoon session, Rev. Thos. C. Leinbach was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, for a term of five years.

An order for $20 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. J. W. Meminger, Pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, for expenses incurred during the sessions of Synod.

In regard to expenses incurred in collecting funds for the erection of a new Seminary building, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the expenses incurred in the collecting of funds for the erection of a Seminary building be paid out of funds collected for Seminary building, by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the funds received for the erection of a Seminary building into the hands of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the several items contained in its report under the head of Irregularities was affirmed.

In regard to the request of Goshenhoppen Classis, as contained in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classis, Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That Synod does not see its way clear to impose any additional legislation on Article 49, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Church.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

In the 8th Item in the Report of the Committee on Overtures, the attention of Synod was directed to the complaint of Goshenhoppen Classis against the Philadelphia Classis, in receiving into its body, the Trinity Christian Church of Skippackville, an independent congregation, lying, as it is claimed, within the territory of Goshenhoppen Classis.

This complaint, together with an item in Report of Minutes of Classes, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Thos. G. Apple, J. W. Steinmetz and Elder Daniel Miller, who subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the complaint of the Goshenhoppen Classis against the Philadelphia Classis, for receiving into its jurisdiction and communion a congregation which the Goshenhoppen Classis claims lies within its boundaries, without the consent and permission of the Classis, respectfully report: The complaint states that due notice of this action was given to the officers of Philadelphia Classis, and a copy of the complaint and petitions this Synod to hear said complaint and take such action as shall lead to the placing of the congregation under the jurisdiction of the Goshenhoppen Classis, within whose bounds it is claimed said congregation belongs.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that Synod set apart the hour of 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, as the hour to hear this complaint according to the following order:

1. The plaintiff to have not more than thirty minutes to present his case, and the defendant the same length of time to present his defense, after which the Synod shall proceed to vote: "Sustained" or "not sustained."

THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

At the appointed hour the complaint was duly considered before Synod. Rev. L. K. Evans presented the cause of the plaintiff, and Dr. Jas. Crawford and Elder F. G. Hobson that of the defense. The Synod was called to a decision by calling for the yeas and nays, and the vote resulted as follows:

Sustained.—Revs. W. F. More, W. J. Johnson, J. H. Pannebecker, D. W. Albright, M. O. Noll, G. W. Gerhard, L. C. Sheip, S. G. Wagner, G. W. Richards, Thos. N. Reber, O. H. Strunck, R. O'Boyle, A. Houtz, A. B. Shenkle, Elders B. Boyer, J. G. Raesler, Wm. Hartman, Chas. A. Meck, Jacob Rader, John Gemmel, J. B. Woodring, W. F. Saltzer, John H. Cilley, John J. Nissley, Philip Bausman, Jacob Ranck, W. W. Moore, H. H. Conrad, Dr. Transue, S. M. DeLong, Henry Stahl.

Not Sustained.—Revs. J. W. Mabry, J. O. Lindaman, S. P. Mauger, John A. Danner, S. S. Kohler, J. J. Rothtrock, J. W. Steinmetz, D. E. Schoedler, A. M. Masonheimer, Elders John Ramaly, H. C. Cressman, H. S. Rinker, Mahler Metzgar.

Non Liquet.—Revs. Samuel A. Leinbach, Thos. G. Apple, F. A. Gast, J. M. Titzel, A. S. Leinbach, Elder P. A. Roth.

The President declared that the complaint was sustained, whereupon Synod was informed by Dr. Jas. Crawford that in behalf of Philadelphia Classis he would appeal from the action of Synod to the General Synod.

The President appointed Rev. L. K. Evans and D. E. Schoedler to defend the action of this body before the General Synod at its next Annual Sessions.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There was nothing special demanding the attention of Synod during its sessions.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

In connection with the 7th Item in the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk and adopted.

The Report on Printing the Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to state that he had printed, in accordance with instructions, thirty-three hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the 145th Annual Sessions of Synod bound in pamphlet form, and distributed the same in accordance with the rules of Synod in the case. The cost for printing and binding was $239.28, or at the rate of 7¼ cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PHILIP STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1892.

To the Pittsburg, Potomac and Eastern Synods.

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States begs leave to submit to the Synods named its annual report:

During the year one meeting was held, September 7, 1892. At this meeting but three members were present, viz.: Geo. W. Hensel, James T. Reber and Edward J. Durban. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Committee met and authorized the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board to prepare the annual report to the Synods.

The books of the publisher and lessee were examined and verified by two members of the Board, and the gross receipts for the year exhibited an increase over those of the past year to the amount of $3,121.52, and the total amount being within the limit of $40,000, the basis of the guarantee. The Treasurer received the $1,200 from the lessee as will appear in the report of the former.

It is to be regretted that the several members of the Board fail to attend the meetings as their absence not only prevents organization and the election of the necessary officers, but also precludes the consideration and action on various matters of importance, among which is the undetermined and seemingly misunderstood question as to whether the Synods are observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, notably in their printing and publishing contracts. This subject should be intelligently and fairly discussed on the floor of the several Synods, and a conclusion reached that will clearly and finally determine it, and that in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties concerned.

The advantages and benefits arising from a concentration of interests are so apparent in all the activities of life that there should not be any occasion to plead for like purpose in our publishing interests, and there seems to exist in some quarters an indifference or lukewarmness, amounting at times to opposition, in promoting the growth and prosperity of this powerful and valuable adjunct to our Church organization.

The direct pecuniary advantages under the existing lease to the Synods, and which could be largely increased by concerted action, are shown in the following report as submitted by the Treasurer, Geo. W. Hensel:

Sept. 1891.	To balance in hand, per last report	$4,395.88
Jan. 2, 1892.	To cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.	300.00
Feb. 23, "	" " " " " "	300.00
Mar. 24, "	" received from interest	197.51
May 14, "	" from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.	300.00
Sept. 6, "	" " " " " "	300.00
	Total on hand	$5,793.39

Of this total $4,300 are invested in permanent loans at five and six per cent., and $1,193.39 in call loans at four per cent.

The term of Geo. W. Hensel, a member of the Board from the Eastern Synod, will expire January, 1893, and it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

The standing committee on Publication, to whom the annual report of the Publication Board was referred, submitted its report at the session on Monday evening. The report was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to offer the following report. The documents referred to your committee are:

1. The Annual Report of the Publication Board.

2. A letter from the proprietor of the Publication House, giving reasons for the late issue of the Minutes of Synod.

From the Annual Report we learn:

1. That prosperity has attended our publication interests and that lessee and the Board have been faithful to the existing contract.

2. That the gross receipts for the past year are in excess of those of the preceding year by $3,121\frac{52}{100}$.

3. That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board amount to $5,793\frac{39}{100}$, being an increase over and above those of last year of $1,397\frac{51}{100}$.

4. That the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, $4,300, are invested in permanent loans at 5 per cent. and 6 per cent., and $1,193\frac{39}{100}$ in call loans at 4 per cent.

5. That it is the judgment of the Board of Publication that Synod should fairly discuss the question whether Synod is observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, notably in their printing and publishing contracts, and determine the question in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties.

Accordingly, your committee respectfully recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod is highly gratified by reason of the success attending our publication interests.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the publications of the said Board remain the property of the three Synods of the Church, Synod is reminded of the moral and legal obligation of the present contract, and urge upon all the ministers and members of the Church to give their hearty coöperation in increasing the circulation of the periodicals issued by said Board, and in advancing the varied interests of our Publication Board.

Your committee also call attention to the fact that the term of membership of Geo. W. Hensel expires January 1, 1893.

Further, we recommend that the letter of the proprietor of the Publication House be filed, the reason given for the delay of the issue of the Minutes of Synod being satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN J. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have thirty-five hundred copies of the acts and proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute the same among those entitled to receive them.

Elder Geo. W. Hensel was reëlected a member of the Eastern Synod on the Board of Publication.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod by the Committee on Overtures, and referred to a special committee

consisting of Revs. D. E. Schoedler, Jas. N. Bachman, S. P. Brown and Elders John Remaly and John M. Cilley.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home reads as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: With a greatful heart we again accept the privilege of addressing your reverend body concerning a work in which you have for many years had a deep interest and which many of you are so liberally supporting.

The church possesses a valuable property in Bethany Orphans' Home and the institution is in a prosperous condition. Nearly one hundred acres of land now belong to the Home, located in a section of country noted for its bracing air and pure water, and which is already famous for its sanitariums, asylums and summer resorts. Here is a farm of 65 acres and about 35 acres in orchards, gardens, lawns and woodland, on which are commodious well-equipped buildings, all the property of the church, used for the care of her orphans' and the whole property is fully paid for.

We have at present 102 children on the roll, all of whom, with the exception of two, are supported by the church.

The health of the inmates of Bethany Home has been very good during the year, and, with the exception of one girl, the children are all enjoying good health at present.

The moral and religious training has been faithfully attended to, as in former years, in the church service, the Sunday-school, Catechetical instruction and at the family altar. At the Spring Communion, seven were added to the church by rite of confirmation.

We continue the system of employing our boys and girls in practical industrial work on the farm and about the buildings.

Our school session is ten months, the children going to school only three-fourths of the day. Heretofore we have had only two teachers and two schools. On account of the large number of children at present in the Home, and in order to do justice to the work, we recently started an intermediate grade. The children in this grade are taught by the larger girls under the direction and supervision of the head teacher. We have at present three girls who have successfully passed the county teachers' examination, but who, on account of their youth, cannot yet secure positions as teachers in the public schools.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers, held October 6th, the Treasurer reported a deficit in the current expense account of $1,849.21.

Adding to this amount some unpaid bills which were recently contracted for winter supplies, our indebtedness on current expenses will amount to somewhat over $2,000. It has been the experience for many years that in the fall of the year the Home is always in debt on current expenses, on account of the few contributions received during the summer and on account of the heavy expenses in making provision for winter.

We respectfully call the attention of Synod to this deficit and also to the fact that on account of the large number of children in the family our expenses will be heavy during the winter, and pray that you may continue your interest in this work and in increased measure support it with your gifts.

Grateful to the Father of the fatherless, Who has helped us thus far, and implicitly trusting in Him for the future, we are,

Yours very truly,

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary.*

The committee on Bethany Orphan's Home, to whom the above document was referred for consideration, submitted the following as its report, which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee, to which was referred the report of Bethany Orphans' Home, beg leave to offer the following report:

Having carefully scanned the report placed in its hands, and having listened with attention and interest to the address of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, and to the remarks of members of Synod, your committee respectfully offer the following resolutions for the consideration of Synod:

1. That Synod is greatful to Almighty God for the present prosperous condition of the Home, rejoicing especially in the fact that the property of the Home is free of debt.

2. That Synod approves the policy of the Board of Managers, as outlined in the address of the Superintendent, with the suggestion, however, that the Board of Managers consider, tentatively, the advisability of so enlarging the class of children from which the inmates of the Home are drawn, as to include such children as are maimed in body.

3. That Synod requests its congregations and Sunday-schools to make liberal contributions during the coming Christmas season, to-

wards liquidating a probable debt of $3,000, incurred for current expenses.

4. That Synod raise a Standing Committee, which committee shall be known as "The Standing Committee on Orphan's Homes," and to which shall be referred, at the annual meetings of Synod, all documents relating to the interests of the Home.

5. That, hereafter, the anniversary of the Home shall be known as "Bethany Day,"; and that in making the arrangements for the proper observance of "Bethany Day", the Board of Managers and the Superintendent shall be assisted by the "Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes," provided for in the above resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home, called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. A. S. Leinbach, D. D., George W. Richards and Elder Charles H. Ruhe.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The attention of Synod was directed by the 8th item in the Report on Minutes of Synod, to the appointing of a special committee a year ago, to effect legal changes in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, so as to make the Pittsburg and Potomac Synods joint owners.

The report of the committee was received and adopted. It is as follows:

To the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac Synods.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Joint Committee of the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac Synods charged with the work of formulating a plan according to which such change in the charters of the Thelogical Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., may be made as shall give to these three Synods the joint ownership and management of said institutions, beg leave to offer the following report: Two meetings of the committee were held.

1. A preliminary meeting was held in Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., October 23, 1891, at 5 o'clock P. M.; at which the following members were present, viz: from Eastern Synod, Revs. E. N. Kremer, T. O. Stem and Elder John W. Bickel; from the Pittsburg

Synod, none; and from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. C. Clever, D. D., C. Cort and Thos J. Barkley. Rev. C. Clever, D. D., was chosen president *pro tem*, and Rev. T. O. Stem secretary *pro tem*. After some conference, it was resolved that the committee adjourn to meet in the College building at Lancaster, Pa., on Monday of commencement week, June 13, 1892, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that the secretary *pro tem* notify all the members of the committee of this action at least four weeks prior to the time of meeting.

2. The second meeting was held at Lancaster, as per adjournment of the preliminary meeting, June 13, 1892, and the two following days, the committee adjourning from time to time until the work was completed; some of the sessions being held in the College building, and others in the lecture room of the First Reformed Church. The following members were present at this meeting, viz: from the Eastern Synod. Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., and Elder D. S. Keller; from Pittsburg Synod, Revs. Wm. Rupp, D. D., D. B. Lady and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.; from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. C. Clever, D. D., C. Cort, D. D., and Thos. J. Barkley. The committee organized by the election of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., *Chairman*, and Rev. D. B. Lady, *Secretary*.

The business with which the committee was charged was carefully considered, both at its sessions and by means of correspondence. The results of the committee's deliberations are embodied in the following resolutions, which are recommended to each of the three Synods represented for adoption:

1. Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved 1. That the ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., and the management of the institution, be vested, as heretofore, in a Board of Trustees, consisting of thirty persons, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburg Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be carried forward in their interest; and that the charter of the College be so changed as to give to the Eastern Synod the right of electing twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees, the remaining nine members to be chosen by the Board itself. The term of office of said Trustees to be, as heretofore, ten years.

2. The Theological Seminary.

Resolved 2. That the ownership of the property of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Lancaster, Pa., be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of eighteen laymen, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburg Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods; and that the charter be so changed as to give the Eastern Synod the right of electing nine, the Pittsburg Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six, of such Trustees; the full term of service of such Trustees to be six years; but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement the term of one third shall be only four years, and one third only two years.

Resolved 3. That there be, as heretofore, a Board of Visitors, consisting of twelve ministers, six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburg Synod and four by the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, who shall perform the duties of said Board as designated by the three Synods interested, and as set forth in the articles of incorporation. The full term of service of said Visitors shall be four years; but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement the term of one half shall be only two years.

Resolved 4. That vacancies occuring from time to time in the three Professorships existing prior to the year 1890 shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods. Professorships endowed since the year 1890 by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to approval of the other Synods. In the case of the trial and discipline of Professors of Theology, as provided for in the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular Professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a Professor of Theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod, shall be appointed, who, after carefully considering the case, shall report their recommendations to the Synods interested for their action; but no election of a Professor of Theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained.

Resolved 5. That all endowment funds of the Seminary be held by the treasurer of the corporation, but that the account of each of such funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created. Should any Synod, at any time, withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it.

The officers of the joint committee, with Elder D. S. Keller, were appointed a committee to revise the report and present it in due form to the three Synods at their approaching annual meetings. It is the opinion of this sub-committee that it will devolve on the Eastern Synod, in case the recommendations made by the committee are adopted by the Synods, to secure such changes in the charters of the two institutions involved as will give effect to the legislation enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER, *President.*

D. B. LADY, *Secretary.*

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the special committee consisting of Revs. E. N. Kremer, Dr. S. G. Wagner, T. O. Stem and Elders D. S. Keller and John W. Bickel was continued and instructed to secure the necessary changes in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, so as to give proper effect to Synod's legislation on the subject.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby instructed to return the thanks of Synod to Elders D. S. Keller and John W. Bickel for their legal services, gratuitously rendered, in submitting the proper legal changes in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, so as to make the Pittsburg and the Potomac Synods joint owners in the institutions located at Lancaster, Pa.

The attention of Synod was called to its approaching centennial by a communication received from the Potomac Synod requesting it to take the necessary action for its proper observance. The suggestion was adopted and a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Drs. John M. Titzel, Thos. G. Apple, S. M. K. Huber and Elders Daniel Miller and Wm. Moyer, to act in conjunction with similar committees that may be appointed by the Pittsburg and Potomac Synods, to make the necessary arrangements for the the celebration.

In regard to the proper construction of the Statistical Tables and the Ministerial Roll of the several Classes, the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That the action taken a year ago, in regard to instructing the Stated Clerks of the several Classes to make certain changes in the Ministerial Roll on the Statistical Tables, is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, that the Statistical Tables be published with date of annual meeting of Classis affixed and that all changes occurring in its Ministerial Roll during the time intervening between the annual meetings of the Classes and the annual meeting of Synod, such as deaths, dismissions and receptions, be noted in the margin with the date given when these changes occured.

Resolved, That hereafter the Statistical Tables be subjected to the examination of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be required to send with the certified copy of delegates to Synod, a complete roll of the Ministers belonging to the respective Classes, as it exists, at least ten days prior to the opening of the annual sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations reported in part on Saturday afternoon, which report was anopted. Synod proceeded immediately to the election of a Trustee of Synod; the result of election is recorded in Article XV, on Finance. The committee presented the final report of its nominations on Monday, and the election was made the order of the day on Monday at 3 P. M. The president appointed Revs. W. J. Johnson and J. W. Mabry tellers, who distributed the tickets, received the ballot and reported the results as given in Article XIII on Theological Seminary, in Article XIV on Missions and Article XIX on Publication.

The nominees of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College were re-elected for a term of ten years. The members that were re-elected are Dr. C. Z. Weiser, Hon. Geo. F. Baer and C. M. Bowers, Esq.

On the fifth day of the sessions a Committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. L. C. Sheip, Robt. O'Boyle and Elder F. C. Hoover.

Before the final adjournment the committee presented its report, which was adopted. The following persons were excused for absence at final roll call: Revs. H. A. Keyser, C. E. Wehler, J. H. Hendricks, W. G. Engle, Elders John Gemmel, B. A. Boyer, J. B. Woodring, A. W. DeLong, C. H. Ruhe.

On Monday during the morning session Dr. Philip Schaff appeared on the floor of Synod and was received with a hearty welcome, the members of Synod rising.

A committee was appointed consisting of Drs. Thos. G. Apple, E. V. Gerhart and W. W. Moore, to draw up a suitable letter in honor of Dr. Schaff, who is this year celebrating the semi-centennial of his professional life. The following report was read in the afternoon and adopted, to which the Doctor made a touching response in his address to Synod. The report is as follows, to wit:

Welcome and Greeting to Rev. Prof. Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D.

Resolved, That Synod hereby extends its cordial welcome and warm greeting to Dr. P. Schaff, the celebrated Church historian, who is now present with us.

Dr. Schaff needs no introduction to this body. For nearly a quarter of a century he occupied the chair of Church History in the Theological Seminary under the care of this Synod, and along with Rauch and Nevin contributed so much in developing the life and genius of our Reformed Church. Although, for years, he has been partially separated from us, yet we have followed, with deep interest and laudable pride, his career in the great work he has accomplished by his distinguished talent and arduous labors for the entire Christian Church, both in Europe and America, until he stands, to-day, in the front of Church historians since the day of the great Neander, with whom in his early life he was associated as professor. A great portion of the best years of his life was spent in our communion and as professor in our Seminary, and therefore we welcome and greet him as a dear friend and brother.

Especially do we desire to join with his friends in Europe and America in giving him this testimonial of our regard and love, in view of the semi-centennial of his labors in the capacity of professor of Church History, which occurs in this month of the present year. We rejoice that his life has been spared to bring so near to completion his great work on Church history. Even while absent

from us, through his works, especially in Church history, he has continued to be a teacher in our Seminary, and his name will go down, with those already named, to succeeding ages as an honor and an ornament to our institutions.

We extend to him and his family our deep sympathy in his recent illness. We rejoice in his partial recovery, and pray that his health may be fully restored and his days be lengthened to fully complete the great work of his life, and we invoke the richest benediction of our Heavenly Father upon the evening of his days until the call comes to him to join the great congregation in the Church triumphant above.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be communicated to Dr. Schaff, and that it be published in the periodicals of our Church.

Report of Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc.

The following reports were presented to Synod by the Committee on Overtures and laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes report:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The following is a statement o the moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," within the bounds of your reverend body for the year closing with September 30, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

Philadelphia Classis	$151.64	Lehigh "	$61.71
Schuylkill "	136.00	Lancaster "	59.69
West Susquehanna Classis	98.09	Lebanon "	49.00
East Pennsylvania "	65.00	Goshenhoppen Classis	10.00
Wyoming "	63.85	Total	$759.98
Tohickon "	65.00		

EXPENDITURES.

East Pennsylvania Classis	$335.00	Lehigh Classis	$50.00
Philadelphia "	200.00	East Susquehanna Classis	30.00
Lancaster "	150.00	Total	$765.00

We ask for a place in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society during the past year.

With the prayer that the Society may receive the encouragement it deserves at your hands, I remain your fellow-servant,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

ST. PETERSBURG, PA., September 30, 1892.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through officers, presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending with September 30, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report	$3,980.51
" from mortgages and bonds	3,068.00
" " donation	2,000.00
" " collections in the churches	1,480.05
" " interest on sundry investments	1,283.05
" " miscellaneous sources	168.91
Total	$11,980.52

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid investment	$6,354.05
" " 37 annuitants	1,885.00
" " for expenses	65.25
" in treasury	3,496.22
Total	$11,980.52

Assets of the Society, $32,880.27.

In the past year nine disabled ministers and twenty-eight widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received aid from the Society. In the coming year, as far as is known, the number of those receiving aid will be increased. Nearly all of the amount in the treasury will be needed to meet the appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Society.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of twenty-five life and four annual or contributing members from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

Life members: Revs. A. M. Schmidt, T. C. Leinbach, S. C. Meckel, C. Cort, D. D., J. E. Hiester, D. D., Z. A. Yearick, J. G. Dubbs, N. J. Miller, A. T. G. Apple, R. F. Gass, C. W. Schults, A. R. Thompson, G. W. Williard, D. D., F. A. Gast, D. D., F. S. Lindaman, J. M. Titzel, D. D., D. H. Leader, A. S. Leinbach, D. D., B. Bausman, D. D., H. A. Keyser, D. D., H. Leisse, H. Mosser, D. D., Jno. Steinmetz, J. W. Pontius and W. D. C. Rodrock.

Annual members: Rev. D. B. Shuey, S. A. Alt, M. H. Dieffenderfer and J. H. Stepter.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

Recent Publications.

The items 3, 14, 17, in the Report on Overtures concerning recent publications were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, I. Calvin Fisher and Elder W. W. Moore. The following report was presented by the Committee on Monday afternoon and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Three books were referred to us for examination: An edition of the Heidelberg Catechism with order of services for Sunday-schools and Catechetical Classes, and new editions of *The Anxious Bench* and *Hold The Fort.* We find these books timely and commend them to the members of the church.

The arrangement of services for Sunday-schools and Catechetical Classes meets a long felt want. If the book is generally introduced, it will do much to train the young in intelligent participation in the services of God's house.

The republication of *The Anxious Bench* at this time is well-timed in view of the fact that the same tendencies from which it saved the church years ago are in a measure still at work among us.

The book entitled *Hold the Fort* is a publication for the young. It is filled with valuable reading for those whose minds especially need wholesome food.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

Synod having learned at the close of its sessions of the death of the wife of Benjamin Harrison, the President of the United States, the following action was taken:

At the 146th annual meeting of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 24, 1892, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with profound regret of the death of the beloved wife of Benjamin Harrison, the President of the United States, which occcurred on this day. In this hour of sore bereavement and great sorrow which has come upon our honored Chief Magistrate and his family, we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy. We rejoice that in her life she magnified the graces of Christian womanhood and that her example and the testimony of her life have always been influential for good. We rejoice to know that living she lived unto the Lord, that dying she died in the Lord with the blessed hope of the resurrection of the just. In this hour

when the heads of the afflicted family are bowed with the weight of this great sorrow, we point our Christian brother in the Lord to that source of comfort which is found only in Jesus Christ and in the blessed communion of the saints. The prayers not only of this Synod, but of our people throughout the land, will be lifted up to the throne of grace in his behalf.

Resolutions of sympathy in behalf of D. S. Keller, Esq., who has been lately bereft of a much loved daughter, were adopted by Synod, and the officers of Synod were instructed to forward to his address a copy of the same.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of St. Paul's and other Reformed churches for the kind hospitality extended to the delegates of this Synod during its sessions.

Resolved, That this resolution be read from the pulpit by the pastor of St. Paul's congregation and that of the First Reformed Church in this city.

Resolved, That thanks be tendered to the Pennsylvanania Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company for their kindness in granting orders to delegates to attend Synod at reduced rates.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be also tendered to the reporters for their accurate accounts given of the proceedings of Synod.

The Synodical Roll was called, and those who were absent were noted as having been excused. The Minutes were then read finally and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally it be to meet in annual session on the 3d Wednesday of October A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M, in St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.

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Cyrus J. Becker,	Howertown	2	649	486	39	0	16	10	530	4	0	0	43	4	25	379	1	$310	$1,527	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.,	Farmersville	3	600	300	38	0	30	2	420	6	0	4	27	6		300	0	151	2,537	8	Bethlehem, "
Robert Lisberger,	St. Peter's	2	115	36	16	0	11	0	72	25	0	0	7	2		128	0	50	600	6	Bath, "
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.,	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																				Easton, "
Charles Becker,	Without Charge																				Philadelphia, "
Horace Daniel,	" "																				Nazareth, "
William D. C. Redrock,	Engaged in Bible Work																				Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem,	St. Mark's, Easton, Pa.	1	379	181	44	0	7	12	308	4	0	0	4	1	35	375	0	223	1,550	7	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber,																					Hazleton, "
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township	4	844	625	41	0	26	0	535	5	0	0	22	5	56	450	0	222	1,500	12	Bath, "
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville	2	760	525	36	0	0	4	450	3	0	0	20	6	48	450	1	312	1,500	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff,	Without Charge																				Bangor, "
Franklin W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley	3	560	350	49	0	44	0	372	7	0	1	14	5	45	320	0	132	1,780	10	Effort, "
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Third Street, Easton, Pa.	1	492	185	7	1	16	7	389	10	0	0	13	3	44	242	0	1652	5,761	14	Easton, "
John Kretzing,	Without Charge																				Broadheadsville, Pa
George B. Smith,	Tannersville	4	506	501	52	0	42	1	390	0	0	0	18	4	42	300	0	86	960	18	Tannersville, "
Wilson F. More,	Salem's Catasauqua, Pa.	1	284	160	23	0	14	16	247	7	0	10	4	1	25	214	1	293	1,200	14	Catasauqua, "
J. O. Lindaman,	Christ Church, Bath	1	284	84	15	0	11	9	191	5	0	15	6	1	20	155	1	152	1,271	7	Bath, "
John Wolbach,	Without Charge																				Nazareth, "
S. P. Mauger,	Mt. Bethel	2	425	150	24	0	16	2	385	6	0	22	10	3	30	400	0	540	1,100	16	Stone Church, "
	Hamilton	3	177	95	14	0	0	0	116	2	0	0	10	3	20	140	0	77	567	6	
G. A. Schwedes,	Christ Church, Beth'm	1	455	200	9	0	13	38	385	14	0	8	10	1	51	370	0	518	3,270	14	Bethlehem, "
Silas F. Laury,	Broadheadsville	3	544	468	24	0	4	0	455	2	0	0	25	3	35	310	0	149	950	8	Broadheadsville, "
Albert Lobach,	St. Paul's, Beth'm, Pa.	1	460	400	25	2	9	61	300	4	0	0	23	1	24	300	0	29	1,735	5	Bethlehem, "
Robert C. Weaver,	Fork's	1	335	192	17	0	23	2	275	2	0	0	12	1	18	150	1	400	650	8	Bethlehem, "
Morgan A. Peters,	East Mauch Chunk	1	185	150	7	1	25	25	124	1	0	0	6	1	20	160	0	39	1,017	10	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Wallace H. Wotring,	Dryland	2	600	350	23	0	38	13	511	2	0	0	17	4	35	375	1	221	1,390	12	Nazareth, "
George J. Lisberger,	Plainfield,	2	450	300	18	0	0	7	325	2	0	0	18	4	80	350	1	136	700	7	Bath, "
John F. DeLong,	Freemansburg	2	256	115	7	1	10	28	186	3	0	0	8	2	33	295	0	1665	1,250	19	West Bethlehem, "
" " Supply,	Rittersville	1	156	111										1		63				6	
Vacant,	†Towamensing	3	400	180	39	0	0	0	302	0	0	0	19	4		250	0	91	900	15	
"	*Weissport	1	237		14	0	11	0	51	3	0	0	3	1	12	110	0	18	273	6	
"	‡GraceChapel, East'n, Pa	1	109		13	1	9	4	129	1	0	0	3	1	22	124	0	54	1,146	7	
James B. May,	Bangor	2	230	150	5	0	0	1	190	0	0	2	0	1	18	145	0		900	20	Bangor, "
Lic. Thomas A. Fenstermaker,																					Philadelphia, "
		50	10,551	6294	599	6	375	242	7638	118	0	62	342	69	738	6955	7	$7,520	$36,034	267	

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The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 24th, at 11 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology, and the benediction by the President.

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *President.*
JOHN PHILIP STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

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Robert Lisberger,	St. Peter's	2	115	36	16	0	11	0	72	25	0	0	7	2		128	0	50	600	6	Bath, "
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George J. Lisberger,	Plainfield,	2	450	300	18	0	0	7	325	2	0	0	18	4	80	350	1	136	700	7	Bath, "
John F. DeLong,	Freemansburg	2	256	115	7	1	10	28	186	3	0	0	8	2	33	295	0	1665	1,250	19	West Bethlehem, "
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Vacant,	†Towamensing	3	400	180	39	0	0	0	302	0	0	0	19	4		250	0	91	900	15	
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Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.,	Annville	4	565	350	17	4	25	7	475	7			19	4	375	60		$505	$1,500	22	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach,	Bernville	6	1,435	950	80	2	43	10	1341	25		50	61	13	350	50	1	314	2,000	15	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester,	Without Charge																			1	Straustown, " "
Daniel B. Albright,	" "				3													8		1	Mohrsville, " "
James A. Schultz,	" "																				Colebrookdale, " "
Richard S. Appel,	Shartlesville	3	350	110	21		28		289	3			10	3	115	20		51	2,425	11	Hamburg, " "
Adam J. Bachman,	Schaefferstown	4	790	750	106	18	81	14	550	3		5	65	6	555	50		231	3,000	25	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker,	Tulpehocken	2	689	298	39	6	49	32	614	3			21	4	321	31		312	1,690	20	Cocena, " "
William J. Kershner,	Sinking Spring	4	1,160	600	70	5	77	7	1070	20			51	6	600	50		125	1,300	20	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf	4	590	420	26		8	11	535	10		28	16	4	335	64		134	1,432	17	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach,	Bern	3	1,050	575	38	2	89		979	22			36	6	400		3	424	1,600	16	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt,	Bethany	2	49	69	5	1	8		43	5				1	89	7		119	75	6	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant*	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	296	160	29	1	10	20	197	4			21	1	400	32	1	105	1,500	8	
David U. Wolff,	Without Charge																			1	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert,	Swatara	4	465	283	20		17	3	398	3			8	4	302	31		154	1,237	28	Jonestown, " "
David E. Klopp, D. D.,	First Church, Lebanon	1	830	500	29	2	33	6	510	26			37	1	700	65		1100	2,405	15	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
J. V. George,	Allegheny	5	666	238	37	4	67	1	609				20	5	344	66	1	44	1,229	25	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Warren J. Johnson,	St. John's, Lebanon	1	315	175	11		19	5	225	3			3	1	215	44	1	917	3,566	15	131 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Albert Gonser,	Myerstown	1	533	200	4			4	325	6		107	13	1	300	36	1	103	568	20	Myerstown, " "
Elwood L. Kemp,	Pres. of Palatinate Col.																			1	" " "
	Belleman Congregation†	1	375	250	11	1	37		350	1			6	6	250			20	400	8	
Vacant**	Bethel	4	660	400	11	1	25		450				10	4	400	20		89	2,500	8	
		50	10,818	6328	557	47	616	120	8960	141		190	397	70	6051	626	8	$4751	$28,463	283	

Ministers, 19; Charges, 17. * Rev. O. P. Steckel, pastor till Aug. 1, 1892. ** Supplied by a committee of Classis. † Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS. May 17, 1892.

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G. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D.,	Prof. Ursinus College .																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Henry W. Super, D. D. LL. D.,	Pres. Ursinus College .																				" " " "
Jeriah S. Shade.	Without Charge																				1024 Oxford St., Philadelphia
Chas. W. Schultz, ...	" "																				Camden, N. J.
Jos. H. Hendricks, ...	Trinity, Collegeville . .	1	238		1	5	1	5	232	10			4	2	35	305	1	$686	$1311	12	Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., . . .	Without Charge																				33 Saunders Ave., Philadelphia.
Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D., ...	St. John's, Del	1	43	26			7		34	10			1	1	8	80		361		6	Wyoming, Del.
" " (Supply),	Eastern Shore, Md. . .	1																		7	Wyoming, Del.
Henry Hilbish, ...	Brownback's	2	280	50	4	24	30	5	185	10			5	2	24	165		498	1125	18	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., ...	Pub. Ch. Periodicals .																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia.
James Crawford, D. D., ...	Christ Church	1	209	59	2	2	18	6	180	5			2	1	20	150		960	3538	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Deitrich, ...	Union Ch., Whitemarch	1	195	36	7	10	14	2	170	3			5	1	13	120		180	800	10	Flourtown, Montg'y Co., Pa.
" " (Supply)	St. Lake's, N. Wales .	1	200	40	9	11	16	6	180	4			6	1	25	210		100	700	10	" " " "
John H. Sechler, D. D., ...	First Church, Phila. . .	1	255	41	12	3	12	25	229	7		29	5	1	33	306	2	2110	5096	16	714 No. 15th St., Philadelphia.
Henry T. Spangler, ...	Fin'l Agt. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner, ...	Without Charge																				Montg'y Sq., " " "
Chas. H. Coon, ...	Trinity, Phila. . . .	1	471	70	28	15	47	20	423	7		27	12	1	51	528		21,947	11,075	13	1541 N. 7th St , Philadelphia.
Jerome B. Henry, ...	Trinity, Norristown . .	1	210	48	8	9	15	9	181	4			5	1	30	279		417	2379	10	Norristown, Pa.
Francis C. Yost, ...	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	138	35	10	8	11	9	130	3		8	4	1	18	218		123	1175	6	Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser, ...	Ascension	1	416	175	13			7	380	4		2	10	2	42	385		1428	3316	12	Norristown, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman, ...	Heidelberg	1	708	200	32	24	82	80	636	34		126	8	1	64	830	4	2066	7831	15	1635 N. 9th St., Philadelphia.
G. Stibitz, Ph. D., ...	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Silas L. Messinger, ...	Pleasantville	1	276	88	3	3	14	7	221	2			3	1	19	160	2	1036	1770	6	Eureka, Montg'y Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz, ...	St. Vincent & Linfield .	2	219	55	7	9	15	2	175	3			4	2	25	230		370	1250	18	Linfield, Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman, ...	St. Luke's, Trappe . .	1	276		1	8	5	7	217	5			9	1	27	145		1774	1282	16	Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Wilson Delaney, ...	Bethel	1	153	70	25	4	15	28	95	5		6		1	21	360	1	218	1100		2110 Tasker St.
Chas. E. Wehler, ...	Boehm's	1	286	109	12	8	13	6	253				4	1	23	150	1	476	1628	13	Blue Bell, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Jos. Duckworth, ...	Without Charge																				1944 S. 10th St., Philadelphia.
Chas. B. Alspach, ...	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Eureka, Montg'y Co., Pa.
A. H. Hibshman, ...	St. Mark's	1	72	16	3	3	2	5	67				1	2	25	210		53	1545	9	Prospectville, Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck, ...	St. Matthew's	2	228	31		1	1	7	211	4		29	4	2	30	216		2525	1553	10	Auselma, Pa.
Calvin Derr, ...	First Ch., Spring City .	1	192	15	4	6	14	28	145	7			2	1	30	225		748	4641	12	Spring City, Pa.
J. Calvin Fisher, ...	E. Vincent & Pikeland	2	151	40	3	11	17	12	136	3			2	2	26	137		403	1590	18	Kimberton, Pa.
Wm. H. Stubblebine, ...	Shenkel's	1	123	50	4	4	12	5	92	1		1	1	1	18	125		74	1322	9	Pottstown, Pa., Box 142.
Henry Tesnow, ...	Messiah	1	32	3	4		13	19						1	16	145			231	5	1610 S. 13th, Philadelphia.
Henry H. Appel, ...	Ch. of the Strangers . .	1	191	75	2	2	12	27	108	3			3	1	13	125		37	1078	10	4123 Powelton Ave., Phila.
Vacant, ...	Grace	1	208	73	7	3	9	23	189	13		16	3	1	36	315		207	3600	13	
		30	5770	1405	201	173	395	350	4869	147		244	103	32	672	6125	11	$38,797	$60,936	286	

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 24th, at 11 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology, and the benediction by the President.

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *President.*

JOHN PHILIP STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

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JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS. May 27, 1892.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers, Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregat'al Purposes.	Minutes.	Post Office Address.
Cyrus J. Becker,	Howertown	2	649	486	39	0	16	10	530	4	0	0	43	4	25	379	1	$310	$1,527	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.,	Farmersville	3	600	300	38	0	30	2	420	6	0	4	27	6		300	0	151	2,537	8	Bethlehem, "
Robert Lisberger,	St. Peter's	2	115	36	16	0	11	0	72	25	0	0	7	2		128	0	50	600	6	Bath, "
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.,	Peof. in Lafayette Col.																				Easton, "
Charles Becker,	Without Charge																				Philadelphia, "
Horace Daniel,	" "																				Nazareth, "
William D. C. Redrock,	Engaged in Bible Work																				Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem,	St. Mark's, Easton, Pa.	1	379	181	44	0	7	12	308	4	0	0	4	1	35	375	0	223	1,550	7	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber,																					Hazleton, "
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township	4	844	625	41	0	26	0	535	5	0	0	22	5	56	450	0	222	1,500	12	Bath, "
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville	2	760	525	36	0	0	4	450	3	0	0	20	6	48	450	1	312	1,500	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff,	Without Charge																				Bangor, "
Franklin W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley	3	560	350	*49	0	44	0	372	7	0	1	14	5	45	320	0	*132	1,780	10	Effort, "
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Third Street, Easton, Pa.	1	491	185	7	1	16	7	389	10	0	0	13	3	44	242	0	1652	5,761	14	Easton, "
John Kretzing,	Without Charge																				Broadheadsville, Pa
George B. Smith,	Tannersville	4	506	501	52	0	42	1	390	0	0	0	18	4	42	300	0	86	960	18	Tannersville, "
Wilson F. More,	Salem's Catasauqua, Pa.	1	284	160	23	0	14	16	247	7	0	10	4	1	25	214	1	293	1,200	14	Catasauqua, "
J. O. Lindaman,	Christ Church, Bath	1	284	84	15	0	11	9	191	5	0	15	6	1	20	155	1	152	1,271	7	Bath, "
John Wolbach,	Without Charge																				Nazareth, "
S. P. Mauger,	Mt. Bethel	2	425	150	24	0	16	2	385	6	0	22	10	3	30	400	0	540	1,100	16	Stone Church, "
	Hamilton	3	177	95	14	0	0	0	116	2	0	0	10	3	20	140	0	77	567	6	
G. A. Schwedes,	Christ Church, Beth'm	1	455	200	9	0	13	38	385	14	0	8	10	1	51	370	0	518	3,270	14	Bethlehem, "
Silas F. Laury,	Broadheadsville	3	544	468	24	0	4	0	455	2	0	0	25	3	35	310	0	149	950	8	Broadheadsville, "
Albert Lobach,	St. Paul's, Beth'm, Pa.	1	460	400	25	2	9	61	300	4	0	0	23	1	24	300	0	29	1,735	5	Bethlehem, "
Robert C. Weaver,	Fork's	1	335	192	17	0	23	2	275	2	0	0	12	1	18	150	1	400	650	8	Bethlehem, "
Morgan A. Peters,	East Mauch Chunk	1	185	150	7	1	25	25	124	1	0	0	6	1	20	160	0	39	1,017	10	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Wallace H. Wotring,	Dryland	2	600	350	23	0	38	13	511	2	0	0	17	4	35	375	1	221	1,390	12	Nazareth, "
George J. Lisberger,	Plainfield,	2	450	300	18	0	0	7	325	2	0	0	18	4	80	350	1	136	700	7	Bath, "
John F. DeLong,	Freemansburg	2	256	115	7	1	10	28	186	3	0	0	8	2	33	295	0	1665	1,250	19	West Bethlehem, "
" " Supply,	Rittersville	1	156	111										1		63				6	
Vacant,	†Towamensing	3	400	180	39	0	0	0	302	0	0	0	19	4		250	0	91	900	15	
"	*Weissport	1	237		14	0	11	0	51	3	0	0	3	1	12	110	0	18	273	6	
"	‡GraceChapel, East'n, Pa	1	169		13	1	9	4	129	1	0	0	3	1	22	124	0	54	1,146	7	
James B. May,	Bangor	2	230	150	5	0	0	1	190	0	0	2	0	1	18	145	0		900	20	Bangor, "
Lic. Thomas A. Fenstermaker,																					Philadelphia, "
		50	10,551	6294	599	6	375	242	7638	118	0	62	342	69	738	6955	7	$7,520	$36,034	267	

Ministers, 29; Licentiates, 1. Since the annual meeting, † Rev. L. M. Kerschner has been received from Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and installed as Pastor of the Tonamensing Charge. His address is Parryville, Carbon county, Pa. * Lic. Charles E. Creitz was received from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained and installed as Pastor of the Weissport Charge. His address is Weissport, Pa. ‡ Rev. O. P. Steckel was received from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod, and provision made for his installation as Pastor of Grace Chapel. His Address is Easton, Pa.

LEBANON CLASSIS. May 27, 1892.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	C'ntrib'tns. Benevolent Purposes.	C'ntrib'tns. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.,	Annville	4	565	350	17	4	25	7	475	7			19	4	375	60		$505	$1,500	22	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach,	Bernville	6	1,435	950	80	2	43	10	1341	25		50	61	13	350	50	1	314	2,000	15	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester,	Without Charge																			1	Straustown, " "
Daniel B. Albright,	" "				3													8		1	Mohrsville, " "
James A. Schultz,	" "																				Colebrookdale, " "
Richard S. Appel,	Shartlesville	3	350	110	21		28		289	3			10	3	115	20		51	2,425	11	Hamburg, " "
Adam J. Bachman,	Schaefferstown	4	790	750	106	18	81	14	550	3		5	65	6	555	50		231	3,000	25	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker,	Tulpehocken	2	689	298	39	6	49	32	614	3			21	4	321	31		312	1,690	20	Cocena, " "
William J. Kershner,	Sinking Spring	4	1,160	600	70	5	77	7	1070	20			51	6	600	50		125	1,300	20	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf	4	590	420	26		8	11	535	10		28	16	4	335	64		134	1,432	17	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach,	Bern	3	1,050	575	38	2	89		979	22			36	6	400		3	424	1,600	16	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt,	Bethany	2	49	69	5	1	8		43	5				1	89	7		119	75	6	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant *	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	296	160	29	1	10	20	197	4			21	1	400	32	1	105	1,500	8	
David U. Wolff,	Without Charge																			1	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert,	Swatara	4	465	283	20		17	3	398	3			8	4	302	31		154	1,237	28	Jonestown, " "
David E. Klopp, D. D.,	First Church, Lebanon	1	830	500	29	2	33	6	510	26			37	1	700	65		1100	2,405	15	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
J. V. George,	Allegheny	5	666	238	37	4	67	1	609				20	5	344	66	1	44	1,229	25	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Warren J. Johnson,	St. John's, Lebanon	1	315	175	11		19	5	225	3			3	1	215	44	1	917	3,566	15	131 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Albert Gonser,	Myerstown	1	533	200	4			4	325	6		107	13	1	300	36	1	103	568	20	Myerstown, " "
Elwood L. Kemp,	Pres. of Palatinate Col.																			1	" " "
	Belleman Congregation †	1	375	250	11	1	37		350	1			6	6	250			20	400	8	
Vacant **	Bethel	4	660	400	11	1	25		450				10	4	400	20		89	2,500	8	
		50	10,818	6328	557	47	616	120	8960	141		190	397	70	6051	626	8	$4751	$28,463	283	

Ministers, 19; Charges, 17. * Rev. O. P. Steckel, pastor till Aug. 1, 1892. ** Supplied by a committee of Classis. † Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS. May 17, 1892.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Confession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
G. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D.,	Prof. Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Henry W. Super, D. D. LL. D.,	Pres. Ursinus College																				" " " "
Jeriah S. Shade	Without Charge																				1024 Oxford St., Philadelphia
Chas. W. Schultz,	" "																				Camden, N. J.
Jos. H. Hendricks,	Trinity, Collegeville	1	238		1	5	1	5	232	10			4	2	35	305	1	$686	$1311	12	Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston, D. D.,	Without Charge																				33 Saunders Ave., Philadelphia.
Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D.,	St. John's, Del	1	43	26			7		34	10			1	1	8	80		361		6	Wyoming, Del.
" " (Supply),	Eastern Shore, Md.	1																		7	Wyoming, Del.
Henry Hilbish,	Brownback's	2	280	50	4	24	30	5	185	10			5	2	24	165		498	1125	18	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.,	Pub. Ch. Periodicals																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia.
James Crawford, D. D.,	Christ Church	1	209	59	2	2	18	6	180	5			2	1	20	150		960	3538	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Deitrich,	Union Ch., Whitemarch	1	195	36	7	10	14	2	170	3			5	1	13	120		180	800	10	Flourtown, Montg'y Co., Pa.
" " (Supply)	St. Lake's, N. Wales	1	200	40	9	11	16	6	180	4			6	1	25	210		100	700	10	" " " "
John H. Sechler, D. D.,	First Church, Phila.	1	255	41	12	3	12	25	229	7		29	5	1	33	306	2	2110	5096	16	714 No. 15th St., Philadelphia.
Henry T. Spangler,	Fin'l Agt. Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner,	Without Charge																				Montg'y Sq., " " "
Chas. H. Coon,	Trinity, Phila.	1	471	70	28	15	47	20	423	7		27	12	1	51	528		21,947	11,075	13	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia.
Jerome B. Henry,	Trinity, Norristown	1	210	48	8	9	15	9	181	4			5	1	30	279		417	2379	10	Norristown, Pa.
Francis C. Yost,	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	138	35	10	8	11	9	130	3		8	4	1	18	218		123	1175	6	Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser,	Ascension	1	416	175	13			7	380	4		2	10	2	42	385		1428	3316	12	Norristown, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman,	Heidelberg	1	708	200	32	24	82	80	636	34		126	8	1	64	830	4	2066	7831	15	1635 N. 9th St., Philadelphia.
G. Stibitz, Ph. D.,	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Silas L. Messinger,	Pleasantville	1	276	88	3	3	14	7	221	2			3	1	19	160	2	1036	1770	6	Eureka, Montg'y Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz,	St. Vincent & Linfield	2	219	55	7	9	15	2	175	3			4	2	25	230		370	1250	18	Linfield, Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman,	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	276		1	8	5	7	217	5			9	1	27	145		1774	1282	16	Collegeville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Wilson Delaney,	Bethel	1	153	70	25	4	15	28	95	5		6		1	21	360	1	218	1100		2110 Tasker St.
Chas. E. Wehler,	Boehm's	1	286	109	12	8	13	6	253				4	1	23	150	1	476	1628	13	Blue Bell, Montg'y Co., Pa.
Jos. Duckworth,	Without Charge																				1944 S. 10th St., Philadelphia.
Chas. B. Alspach,	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Eureka, Montg'y Co., Pa.
A. H. Hibshman,	St. Mark's	1	72	16	3	3	2	5	67				1	2	25	210		53	1545	9	Prospectville, Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck,	St. Matthew's	2	228	31		1	1	7	211	4		29	4	2	30	216		2525	1553	10	Auselma, Pa.
Calvin Derr,	First Ch., Spring City	1	192	15	4	6	14	28	145	7			2	1	30	225		748	4641	12	Spring City, Pa.
J. Calvin Fisher,	E. Vincent & Pikeland	2	151	40	3	11	17	12	136	3			2	2	26	137		403	1590	18	Kimberton, Pa.
Wm. H. Stubblebine,	Shenkel's	1	123	50	4	4	12	5	92	1		1	1	1	18	125		74	1322	9	Pottstown, Pa., Box 142.
Henry Tespow,	Messiah	1	32	3	4		13	19						1	16	145			231	5	1610 S. 13th, Philadelphia.
Henry H. Appel,	Ch. of the Strangers	1	191	75	2	2	12	27	108	3			3	1	13	125		37	1078	10	4123 Powelton Ave., Phila.
Vacant,	Grace	1	208	73	7	3	9	23	189	13		16	3	1	36	315		207	3600	13	
		30	5770	1405	201	173	395	350	4869	147		244	103	32	672	6125	11	$38,797	$60,936	286	

LANCASTER CLASSIS. June 8, 1892.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregat'al Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D.,	St. Stephen's.	1	85	15	1		2	7	84	2			1				2	$493	$239	6	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Theo. Appel, D. D.,	Author																				" " " "
Alfred B. Shenkle,	Without Charge																				Millersville, " " "
Isaac E. Graeff, D. D.,	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	70	27	7		2	2	60				6	1	7	57		60	1476	6	Harrisburg, Dauphin " "
T. G. Apple, D. D., LL. D.,	Prof. in Theo'l Sem'y.																				Lancaster, Lancaster " "
John M. Titzel, D. D.,	First Church, Lanc.	1	448	151	8		24	8	352	4			20	1	30	300		404	6000	16	" " " "
Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.,	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				" " " "
Frederick A. Gast, D. D.,	Prof. in Theo'l Sem'y.																				" " " "
Lucian J. Mayer,	Reamstown	4	424	240	15	3	9	37	337	12			3	4	26	414		224	1750	26	Denver, " " "
A. Carl Whitmer,	Supt. of Missions.																				Lancaster, " " "
Darius W. Gerhard,	Willow Street	2	358	100	17	9	14	14	292	5			10	2	47	311	1	285	1114	16	" " " "
* Frederick Pilgram,	Bethany	4	396	244	2				300											12	Lititz, " " "
Stephen Schweitzer,	Muddy Creek	4	675	380	36	11	33	5	590	7			34	4	50	285		120	950	8	Ephrata, " " "
Ellis N. Kremer,	Salem, Harrisburg	1	452	146	7	6	10	16	352	24	3		9	1	46	349		671	3084	16	Harrisburg, Dauphin " "
Milton H. Sangree,	First Church, Steelton.	1	149	97	17	13	33	16	120	10	12		3	1	24	225		38	945	8	Steelton, " " "
John S. Stahr, D. D.,	Pres. F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Lancaster " "
John M. Souder,	New Providence	2	251	146	5	6	21	5	229	4			3	2	28	215		140	930	13	New Providence, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker,	Trinity, Columbia	1	282	192	18	5	21	6	216	5	9		5	1	24	250		168	2231	10	Columbia, " " "
Wm. F. Lichliter,	St. Luke's, Lancaster.	1	188	206	37	5	21	10	130	11	13		17	1	31	430		86	1005	10	Lancaster, " " "
Jairus P. Moore, D. D.,	Missionary to Japan																				" " " "
Samuel M. Roeder,	Elizabethtown	1	155	56	4	7	7	7	121	5	3		5	1	23	98		111	950	12	Elizabethtown, " " "
Geo. Merle Zacharias,	Without Charge																				Lancaster, " " "
David B. Schneder,	Missionary to Japan																				16 Miami Machi Dori, Sendai, Japan.
† Rufus W. Miller,	Hummelstown	4	318	129	19	2	23	9	268	4			11	4	44	333	2	422	1692	12	Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
James W. Meminger,	St. Paul's, Lancaster	1	511	220	11	11	19	23	450	4	5		7	1	33	500	3	251	3375	12	Lancaster, Lancaster " "
J. Stewart Hartman,	Second Ch., Harrisburg.	1	152	94	14	3	9	12	122	6	7		2	1	29	220		255	1070	8	Harrisburg, Dauphin " "
Richard C. Schiedt,	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Lancaster " "
Geo. F. Mull,	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				" " " "
Milton M. Noacher,	Maytown	2	126	95	10	3	12	5	104	2			5	2	37	212		125	1363	6	Maytown, " " "
Daniel W. Albright,	Manheim	2	236	33	3	11	14	9	213	3			11	2	43	300		1334	1571	12	Manheim, " " "
‡ Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.,	New Holland	3	308	215	4	6	14	5	230	10	10		7	3	46	283		135	452	14	New Holland, " " "
Vacant,	Marietta	1	97	82	3		6	3	57	2			1	1	5	88		26	470	5	Marietta, " " "
"	Millersville	2	251	80	11	10	20	4	228	10			20	2	29	100	1	1184	2600	10	Millersville, " " "
		40	5932	2908	249	111	314	203	4855	130		62	180	35	602	4970	9	$6532	$34,267	238	

* Received at special meeting, August 20, 1892.
† Received at annual meeting, June 9, 1892.
‡ Ordained July 10, 1892.

Licentiate, John B. Kieffer, Ph. D., Prof. in F. and M. College.
Students for the Ministry. { Geo. K. Kaneko. A. M. Schaeffner.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. October 19, 1892.

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Rudolph Duenger, D. D.,	Without Charge																				Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	Mahanoy	5	398	229	44	1	12		343	3			11	6		227		$196	$1078	25	Mahanoy, North'd Co., Pa.
George B. Dechant,	Numidia	3	345	305	22		17	4	314	6		19	13	4	26	270	2	195	1500	18	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury	1	335	175	21	2	7	13	305	5			14	1	32	276	1	302	3661	15	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr,	Millersburg	3	425	215	15		30	6	310	6			12	3	32	285	2	195	900	18	Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler,	Augusta	4	240	149	16				230	6			15	4		90		88	700	8	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
S. P. Brown,	Uniontown	4	450	200	43		18	2	393	2			5	4	30	260		273	800	16	Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa.
William Engle,	Deep Creek	4	155	121	14		11	13	118				5	4	19	155		33	720	12	Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Vacant * (C. W. E. Siegel),	Armstrong Valley	5	191	109	14	1	11	4	161	3			11	4	20	183	1	46	1535	10	Enders, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler,	Ringtown	4	360	210	41	3	37	2	254	1			14	3	28	200		119	5190	14	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John A. Danner,	Mt. Carmel	4	260	210	28		13	25	240	8		2	20	4	30	250		72	1050	17	Mt. Carmel, North'd Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich,	Line Mountain	5	345	280	28		4	2	250	3			16	7	40	135	1	80	530	5	Line Mountain, North'd Co., Pa.
Raymond E. Butz,	Catawissa	1	144	95	22	6	8	18	114	1			8	1	13	126		121	1403	10	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Charles B. Schneder,	Shamokin	1	569	718	154	3	76	50	510	12		1	45	1	47	718	1	609	7431	15	Shamokin, North'd Co., Pa.
John J. Stauffer,	Lykens Valley	4	572	410	42	3	124	18	529	7		3	20	4	36	310	1	422	3090	17	Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
L. D. Steckel,	Tower City	3	124	67	9	1	22	2	75				1	3	20	153		11	756	17	Lykens, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer,	Ashland	1	307	240	25			1	217	2			10	1	24	225		187	863	10	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Supply.																					
G. B. Dechant,	Salem	1	25	25	2				20				3	1	7	50		12	125		
R. E. Butz,	Mifflinville (St. M.)	1	33	6																	
J. J. Stauffer,	Klingers	1	65	60	1				37	1			1	1	5	60		7	50		
		55	5343	3824	541	20	390	160	4420	66		25	224	56	409	3973	9	$2968	$31382	227	

* Dismissed to Wyoming Classis.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. October 19, 1892.

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Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.,	Prof. Centre Hall, Acd'y																				Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser,	White Deer	3	260	205	46	6	14	1	260	6			29	5	28	165		$245	$700	22	White Deer Mills, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas,	Selinsgrove	6	450	400	41	4	33	2	440	10			16	6	35	385	1	290	1200	10	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs	5	534	256	22	3	15	4	441	6		37	16	5	43	270	1	223	2727	30	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven	2	225	100	14	1		3	130	2			2	1	18	225		30	2044	12	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
John Dotterer,	Physical debility																				Lamar, Clinton Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black,	Boalsburg	4	401	272	18	1	21	19	320	11		6	11	3	35	175		387	969	24	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis Robb,	Williamsport	1	215	100	7	2	8	11	197	1		6	2	1	15	215		288	2109	15	Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg,	Centre Hall	4	316	172	11	1	17	10	291	16		3	11	4	54	291	2	243	1458	18	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
George E. Addams,	Aaronsburg	5	291	178	8		10	2	223	11			7	5	52	300		187	1439	22	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Miles O. Noll,	Bellefonte	2	280	125	8		12	13	240	10		3	4	2	18	176		1006	4700	18	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
James R. Brown,	Rebersburg	5	349	176	13		15	8	302	5		15	15	5	47	334	2	290	882	28	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler,	New Berlin	5	364	146	15	2	8	6	315	1			9	4	36	160		213	800	16	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Samuel Kuhn,	Liverpool	7	265	156	19	10	35		225	1			8	7	30	124		66	305	7	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co. Pa.
Irvin W. Hendricks,	Lewisburg	1	283	50	9	2	14	6	249	6			6	1	20	225		330	1630	15	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown,	Nittany Valley	5	271	156	18		15	18	261	3			7	5	41	242	2	234	3029	22	Walker, Centre Co., Pa.
William E. Hoy,	Foreign Missionary																				Sendai, Japan.
Samuel L. Whitmone,	Mifflinburg	3	428	261	12		8	7	375	7	1		10	3	44	350		170	748	24	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
		58	4932	2653	261	32	225	110	4269	96	1	70	153	55	506	3637	8	$4192	$24710	273	

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

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Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.,	New Goshenhoppen	2	1000	400	36	2	36	5	930	4			25	2	50	500	1	$912	$2000	20	East Greenville, Montg'y Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown	1	770	640	77	12	54	29	650	3			52	2	75	700		525	3762	18	Pottstown, " " "
Augustus L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen	4	810	450	44	2	16	7	673	11			33	5	132	700	4	454	1612	18	Pennsburg, " " "
Simon M. K. Huber,	Wentz's	3	769	310	24	27	45	5	715	11			25	3	57	300	4	292	21200	20	Skippackville, " " "
Eli Keller, D. D.,	Zionsville	4	990	630	59	2	13	2	755	4			26	4	44	420		339	1942	24	Zionsville, Lehigh " "
Isaac S. Stahr,	Oley	4	740	415	49	5	35	10	614	4			34	5	28	270	1	302	1110	16	Oley, Berks Co., Pa.
Cosmos H. Herbst,	Pottstown	2	575	425	49	2	35	26	457	5		6	21	2		430		145	2390	10	Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Charles S. Wieand,	Zion's, Pottstown	1	306	200	33	3	24	14	234	2		14	16	1	35	190		106	1747	10	" " " "
Joseph E. Freeman,	Boyertown	3	728	550	33	3	17	1	508	5			23	3	51	438		312	1630	15	Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant,	Swamp-Amity	2	540	300	15	2	30		425	25			34	4	35	185	2	131	1362	12	" " " "
Lawrence D. Leberman,	Without Charge																				7th St. and Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.
J. Lucian Roush,	Asst. to A. L. Dechant																				Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
*Robert C. Weaver, Sup.,	Chestnut Hill	1	104	70	11			3	90				4	1	12	75	1	26	185	6	Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa.
Vacant,	Hill	2	395	275	31		23	3	308	2			18	2	17	162		57	654	12	Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch,	Royersford	1	47	20	7	6	7	40	47					1	12	88		25	725		Royersford, Montgomery Co., Pa.
		30	7774	4685	468	65	335	145	6406	76		20	311	35	546	4458	13	$3626	$40319	181	

* Member of East Pennsylvania Classis.

NOTE. Rev. H. A. I. Benner, Pastor of the Hill Charge, resigned, and was dismissed after the Annual Meeting of Classis. Rev. Geo. W. Roth has accepted a call to the Swamp-Amity Charge. The Hill Charge has elected a Pastor, but he has not been received as yet.

TOHICKON CASSIS. May 27, 1892.

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David Rothtrock,	Nockamixon	2	653	306	31		14	7	544	13		3	20	4	29	153	1	$1278	$1331	15		Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Simon K. Gross,	Schlichtersville	1	220	108	13			1	185				9	1	15	35		31	316	10	2	Schlichtersville, " "
Levi C. Sheip,	Salem Reformed	1	160	106	10	2	5	5	140	1			1	1	20	140		50	500	10		Doylestown, " "
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek	2	794	425	39	2	20	3	732	4			24	3	31	300	2	560	1430	20		Sellersville, " "
N. Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem	2	524	348	49		22	10	331	6		10	12	3	50	400		407	1140	16		S. Bethlehem, Nor'ton "
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown	2	558	300	29	4	26	23	500	9	1	8	18	2	57	495	1	401	1542	10	4	Quakertown, Bucks "
J. G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	4	539	165	21	6	30	4	525	7		7	12	4	40	475		673	1963	22		Sellersville, " "
A. B. Koplin, D. D.,	Lower Saucon	4	593	432	41	2	43	12	486	11			13	6	56	391		653	1741	24		Hellertown, Nor'ton "
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown	2	398	198	14	4	5	11	393				11	2	18	160	1	120	1812	16		Lansdale, Montg'y "
B. B. Ferer,	Riegelsville	1	259	163	7			2	225	6			6	1	24	240		*5875	1550	12		Riegelsville, Bucks "
Jacob J. Rothtrock,	Lansdale	1	229	55	7	6	10	8	203	3		4	9	1	21	285		117	1352	9		Lansdale, Montg'y "
Jacob G. Dubbs,	Friedensville	3	702	420	69			12	637	7			40	8	40	330	1	212	2300	16		Coopersburg, Lehigh "
Samuel H. Phillips,	Durham	3	530	345	21			15	395	1			19	3	25	340		1830	3860	15		Durham, Bucks Co., "
† T. C. Strock,	Tinicum	3	321	152	9	3	10	1	227	3	1	2	5	3	21	80		48	482	13		James Creek, Hunt'dn "
Jonathan W. Miller,	St. Peter's Reformed	1	270	176	21		6	11	253	1			1	1	42	211		112	1502	10		S. Easton, North'ton "
A. P. Horn,	Springfield	3	607	310	20				485				15	5	25	203		130	964	18		Hellertown, " "
Vacant,	Trumbaursville	3	420	275	25			6	265	7			12	6	32	175	1	68	627	16	2	
‡ H. F. Long,																						
‖ C. B. Weaver,																						Frenchtown, New Jersey.
		38	7777	4284	426	29	191	131	6526	79	2	33	227	54	649	4418	7	$12565	$24412	252	8	

* $13,500 have been placed into the hands of the Trustees of this congregation by Elder John L. Riegel and Mr. Benj. Riegel for Beneficiary Education in the Riegelsville Academy; the interest only to be used. † Dismissed to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod. ‡ Installed as Pastor of the Tinicum Charge. ‖ Installed as Pastor of the Nockamixon Charge.

[illegible] CLASSIS. June 6, 1892.

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W. A. Helffrich, D. D.,	Ziegel's	5	1000	700	66		55	2	967	75			50	10		400	5	$610	$4000	10	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
A. J. Herman,	Zion's [1]	4	755	270	60		20		600	3			35	6				260	2000	18	Maxatawney, Berks " "
W. R. Hofford, D. D.,	Egypt	4	985	500	63	1	18	20	875	10			28	9		570	3	335	4575	25	529 Turner St., Allentown, "
Abraham Bartholomew,	Mahoning	5	750	420	87		58		600	6			30	19		420	1	224	1500	30	Lehighton, Carbon Co., "
E. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	900	500	40		68		860	15			31	8				469	1500	20	Fogelsville, Lehigh " "
S. G. Wagner, D. D.,	St. John's, Allentown.	1	596	245	9		13	22	418	10			20	1	63	407	3	1306	4363	15	24 S. 7th St., Allentown, "
A. J. G. Dubbs, D. D.,	Disabled																				523 Walnut St., " "
Benjamin Weiss,	Lenhartsville	4	550	230	47		17		455	5			20	7	30	250	1	125	1100	15	Lenhartsville, Berks Co., "
Jared Fritzinger,	St. Mark's.	1	140	95	17		14	4	90				5	1	14	100		38	350	7	911 Hamilton St., Al'nt'wn, "
Thos N. Reber,	Macungie	2	635	350	57		16		434	5			21	7	50	400		308	1150	20	622 Walnut St., " "
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prin. Normal School.																				Kutztown, Berks Co., "
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville.	4	800	600	90		32		650	10			35	10		600	4	220	1200	20	Lynnport, Lehigh " "
Nevin W. Helffrich,	His father's assistant.																				Fogelsville, " " "
John H. Leinbach,	St. John's, Kutztown, Pa	1	270	140	20		20	5	240	6			20	1		100		87	800	10	Reading, Berks " "
Moses H. Dieffenderfer,	Christ, Allentown, Pa.	1	227	140	34		21	7	176	3		2	6	1	32	262		112	520	18	167 Turner St., Allentown, "
Wm. M. Reilly, Ph. D., [6]	Pres. All. Female Col.																				Wyoming, Delaware Co., "
Neri F. Peters,	St. John's, Slatington, Pa	1	500	280	50	3	33	33	400	10		14	15	1	36	360	2	1510	3220	14	Slatington, Lehigh " "
Julius C. J. Kurtz,	Without Charge																				Shamokin, "
J. Alvin Reber,	Zion's, Lehighton, Pa.	1	502	362	34		26	16	344	9		4	14	1	35	408	1	172	1133	8	Lehighton, Carbon Co., "
Henry D. Kurtz,	Without Charge																				319 N. 7th St., Allentown, "
C. Ernest Wagner,	His father's assistant.																				Oxford, England
M. H. Brensinger,	Fleetwood	3	525	265	53		10	1	430	1			34	3		600	1	499	1300	16	Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa.
Tobias Kessler,	Without Charge																				320 N. 7th St., Allentown, "
F. B. Hahn,	Kutztown and Topton.	2	261	165	11		16	1	220	8		12	5	2	36	235		1500	2600	30	Kutztown, Berks Co., "
Geo. W. Richards,	Salem's, Allentown, Pa.	1	1200	500	113	1	93	37	900	2		94	57	1	102	1204	1	1530	3137	25	526 N. 6th St., Allentown, "
Thos. J. Hacker,	Zion's, " "	1	746	495	15		26	24	572	2		4	14	1	40	586		756	3106	15	906 Walnut St., " "
W. W. Deatrick,	Prof. Normal School.																				Kutztown, Berks Co., "
S. U. Mitman,	Trinity Mem., Allent'n.	1	50	43	3	2	1	24	38					1	20	219		11	205	10	41 N. 11th St., Allentown, "
. . . . .	Frieden's, [2]	1	250		3				190				6	3		170		137	300	6	
. . . . .	Emaus, [3]	2	142	90	5			15	116	2			4	1	16	100		48	244	20	
. . . . .	St. Peter's, [4]	1	100	40	6				75				2	1		40			500	6	
. . . . .	Maxatawney, [5]	2																		18	
Chas. E. Creitz, Lic. [7],	. . . . .																				Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa.
Chas. E. Schaeffer, " [8],	. . . . .																				Macungie, Lehigh Co., "
Geo. B. Smith, " [9],	. . . . .																				Maxatawney, Berks " "
S. P. Stauffer, "	. . . . .																				S. Whitehall, Lehigh " "
		52	11884	6430	783	7	565	211	9650	182		130	452	95	474	7431	22	$9013	32753	376	

[1] Charge divided. [2] Supplied by committee, viz.: Revs. N. W. Helffrich, E. J. Fogel and Neri F. Peters. [3] Part of statistics included in the report of Macungie Charge. [4] Added to Lenhartsville Charge. [5] Statistics included in the report of Zion's Charge. [6] Rev. Wm. M. Reilly, Ph. D., late President of the Allentown Female College, was dismissed to Philadelphia Classis at the last annual meeting, June, 1892. [7] The Licentiate, Chas. E. Creitz, was dismissed to East Pennsylvania Classis, June, 1892. [8] The Licentiate, Chas. E. Schaeffer, was ordained and installed Pastor of the Emaus Charge, June 19, 1892. [9] The Licentiate, George B. Smith, was ordained and installed Pastor of the Maxatawney Charge, August 21, 1892. The Rev. J. William Knappenberger, the newly elected President of the Allentown Female College, was received from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, August 8, 1862.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS. June 7, 1892.

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A. S. Leinbach, D. D.,	Schwartzwald	5	1800	770	142	3	120	2	1629	30			65	8	85	650	2	$4279	$1300	20	Reading, Pa.
B. Bausman, D. D.,	St. Paul's Memorial	1	700	300	20		28	22	550	13			17	1	66	428	1	10400	4083	13	" "
H. A. Keyser, D. D.,	St. Paul's	1	825	700	88		54	10	725	12		12	37	1	65	700	2	548	3000	12	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Henry Leisse,	Bethany	3	395	225	38	2	26		265	2			28	3	23	180		135	700	12	Orwigsburg, "
Henry Mosser, D. D.,	1st Reformed	1	1180	700	60	3	59	15	936	52			30	1	114	630	1	1400	3649	16	Reading, "
J. W. Steinmetz,	St. John's	1	510	430	64	6	39	15	384	14			21	1	50	450		325	2350	14	" "
A. R. Bartholomew,	Trinity	1	417	200	41	1	16	22	298	9		10	7	1	39	383	1	349	6500	16	Pottsville, "
J. J. Fisher,	Trinity	1	250	165	37		11	7	188	4		2	5	1	20	185	1	100	830	12	Tamaqua, "
"	Christ Church	1	167	160	28		17	4	152				7	2	22	130		40	300		
"	St. Peter's	1	42	35	14				41				4	2	12	90		8	125		
"	Zion's	1	30	30	9								2	1	10	35		9	40		
W. Donat,	New Jerusalem	4	769	490	58		27	14	632	18		12	22	6	36	487		431	4566	25	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.,	St. Stephen's	1	492	325	32	3	39	20	390	9		8	8	1	50	621	1	240	2600	8	Reading, Pa.
O. H. Strunck,	St. John's	1	382	175	32		16	15	273	19			15	1	40	265		315	1700	10	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
G. W. Roth,	Hamburg	3	553	334	51		34	13	439	2			21	3	48	335		221	2400	16	Hamburg, Pa.
M. H. Mishler,	1st Church	1	289	150	30		9	31	154	1		1	14	1	25	200		51	1021	12	Pottsville, "
G. B. Walburt,	Orwigsburg	2	226	120	14	3	19	17	179	1		14	6	2	31	220	1	151	1425	14	Orwigsburg, "
H. A. Frantz,	St. John's	2	270	185	24		21	23	237				9	2	57	240	1	125	1300	11	Tamaqua, "
C. E. Bartholomew,	St. Mark's	1	247	150	29		8	18	145	2		40	7	1	37	230		112	1229	8	Cressona, "
* S. A. Leinbach,	Leesport	2	365		14		12		337	8			13	1		105		197	770	4	Reading, "
H. K. Binkley,	Without Charge																				New Berlin, "
H. Y. Stoner,	Riverside Mission	2	205	102	8	3	35	92	193				2	2	38	355		56	1174	9	Reading, "
T. J. Bower,	St. Clair	3	220	189	21	1	29	10	136			2	10	3	33	273		50	2251	10	St. Clair, "
J. I. Good, D. D.,	Calvary	1	129	85	14	4	24	33	113	3			2	1	24	306		190	3367	8	Reading, "
S. L. Krebs,	St. Andrew's	1	350	400	30	10	74	79	310	1			2	1	46	600		1000	1750	9	" "
David Scheirer,	Pine Grove	2	356	290	35		21	2	242				12	2	36	196		70	680	10	Pine Grove, "
W. J. Muir,	Tremont	3	333	200	46	2	15	7	251	3		15	9	3	33	235	2	123	1053	9	Tremont, "
Robert O'Boyle,	Trinity	1	391	258	23		42	9	275	5			2	1	15	250		82	1600	10	Shenandoah, "
* R. S. Apple,	Mohrsville	1	20	7					20				1					10	81		Hamburg, "
S. R. Bridenbaugh,	1st Church	1	520	300	26		4	11	425	22		120	18	2	75	704	2	5882	3160	18	Reading, "
	Emanuel's	1	100	40	2		18		80				3	1	7	80		20	200	4	Minersville, "
J. P. Stein,	St. Thomas	1	103	40	4	1	24	16	76					1	21	274					Reading, "
H. K. Miller,	Missionary																				Sendai, Japan.
		51	12636	7615	1034	42	841	507	10076	230		236	399	58	1258	9378	14	$25920	$55204	307	

* Supply.

WYOMING CLASSIS. June 8, 1892.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod. English.	Minutes of Synod. German.	Post Office Address.
Alfred Houtz,	Orangeville	4	323	104	12	1	7	6	294	3		11	5	4	45	300		$240	$780	12		Orangeville, Col. Co., Pa.
Franklin K. Levan, D. D.,	Wilkesbarre	1	470	420	48	4	33	8	320	15		16	11	1	30	200		125	1250	10		Wilkesbarre, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer,	Weatherly	2	465	200	80		33	22	350	5		10	15	1	25	375		115	1600	8	2	Weatherly, Pa.
Daniel E. Schoedler,	Turbotville	3	474	363	26	3	20	21	350	15		12	12	3	32	300	3	460	1075	24	4	Turbotville, Pa.
George S. Sorber,	Watsontown	2	347	134	14	5	10	7	289	4			6	2	42	407	1	459	2360	18		Watsontown, Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner,	Conyngham	4	770	440	53		45	1	632	6			30	4	46	380	1	390	1025	6		Conyngham, Luz. Co., Pa.
George W. Kerschner,	Christ Church	1	105	18	1	3	8		84				3	1	9	60		55	785	8		Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
Aaron Noll,	Hazleton	1	178	140	15	1	10	18	137	3	1	9	1	1	15	191		113	2559	10		Hazleton, Pa.
John C. Glantz,	Nanticoke	1	125	100	18		9		115			8	5	1	15	90		135	1300	1	6	Nanticoke, Pa.
George H. Miller,	Overton	3	204	95	11	6	11		103	1		4	2	3	29	137	1	62	713	14		Dushore, Sul. Co., Pa.
David W. Ebbert,	Milton	1	358	136	14		9	12	308	10			2	1	28	297		296	2475	12		Milton, Pa.
W. D. Donat,	Wapwallopen	5	486	258	30	4	40	2	411	4		19	8	6	67	320		330	1840	16		Wapwallopen, Luz. Co., Pa.
D. S. Dieffenbacher,	Danville	3	524	251	24	6	62	31	471	23		7	6	3	51	344		430	1479	25		Danville, Pa.
Vacant,	Scranton	1	48	29	7	2	11	38	38	1									211	10		533 Adams Ave., Scranton.
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	Emanuel	2	205	80	9	6	14	1	150	1			4	2	16	150		9	420	4	4	Str'wby R'ge, Mnt'r Co., Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel,	Plymouth	1	162	135	42		7	3	120	2			2	1	11	200		45	595	3	4	Plymouth, Pa.
Vacant,	St. John, Freeland,	1	250	185	30	3	19	4	164	4		8	4	1	26	186		32	810	6		Freeland Pa.
Vacant,	Bloomsburg	1	182	79	16		14	1	133				3	1	19	150		169	880	6		
A. Houtz, (Supply),	Brier Creek	1	38	15	2			1	33			1						21	70	3		Orangeville, Col. Co., Pa.
S. C. Meckel,	Without Charge																					51 Hollenback St. Wilkesb're.
		38	5714	3182	450	44	350	183	4482	97	1	105	119	36	506	4022	6	$3401	$22237	196	20	

Ministers, 16. Charges, 18.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1892.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'l Purposes.	
East Pennsylvania,	29	50	10551	6294	599	6	375	242	7638	118		62	342	69	6955	738	7	$7520	$36034	267
Lebanon,	19	50	10818	6328	557	47	616	120	8960	141		190	397	70	6051	626	8	4751	28463	283
Philadelphia,	34	30	5770	1405	201	173	395	350	4869	147		244	103	32	6125	672	11	38797	60936	286
East Susquehanna,	16	55	5343	3824	541	20	390	160	4420	66		25	224	56	3973	409	9	2968	31382	227
West Susquehanna,	18	58	4932	2653	261	32	225	110	4269	96	1	70	153	55	3637	506	8	4192	24710	273
Goshenhoppen,	12	30	7774	4685	468	56	335	145	6406	76		20	311	35	4458	546	13	3626	40319	181
Tohickon,	17	38	7777	4284	426	29	191	131	6526	79	2	33	227	54	4418	549	7	12565	24412	252
Lehigh,	27	51	11884	6430	783	7	565	211	9650	182		130	452	95	7431	474	19	9013	32753	376
Schuylkill,	27	51	12636	7615	1034	42	841	507	10076	230		236	399	58	9837	1258	14	25920	55204	307
Wyoming,	16	38	5714	3182	450	44	350	183	4482	97	1	105	119	36	4022	506	6	3401	22237	196
Lancaster,	31	40	5932	2908	249	111	314	203	4855	130		62	180	35	4970	602	9	6532	34267	238
Eastern Synod (*Totals*), Classes, 11	246	491	89131	49608	5569	567	4597	2362	72151	1362	4	1177	2907	595	61877	6886	101	$119285	$390717	2846
Synod of Ohio, 6	111	220	20320	6110	769	383	985	746	16238	466	2	530	415	202	18830	2635	36	26453	110240	
German Synod of Northwest, 10	144	200	18707	13210	1724	29	958	875	13564	188	6	396	432	120	10397		42	14754	112293	
Synod of Pittsburg, 5	62	142	15261	9014	915	132	854	718	12893	397	2	315	340	110	9239		17	21001	86402	
Synod of Potomac, 9	149	301	34159	20793	1910	329	1612	955	28023	580	1	295	888	276	24158	1828	52	28653	106043	
German Synod of the East, 5	45	50	13401	9605	2232	15	732	748	10519	75	3	755	606	44	9697	954	11	9996	104577	
Central Synod, 4	84	110	18959	11252	1259	63	867	809	13830	184	6	409	504	107	11704		24	13202	78687	
Synod of the Interior, 5	39	68	2802	1465	148	46	153	158	2090	40	2	98	38	59	3131	485	2	2978	17269	
Total, 1892, 8 Synods, 55	880	1588	212740	121057	14526	1564	10778	7427	169314	3292	26	3975	6122	1513	149033	11788	285	$266322	$972228	
" 1891, 8 "	871	1573	208980	122077	14220	1661	11311	7069	165767	3568	32	3698	5689	1572	148064	9688	291	208376	1012964	

Stated Clerks of Synod. 1. Rev. Jno. P. Stein, Millersville, Pa. 2. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, Ohio. 3. Rev. J. J. Janett, Sheboygan, Mo. 4. Rev. Jno. M. Schick, D. D., Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahlman, Philadelphia, Pa. 7. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio. 8. Rev. G. D. Gurley, Tipton, Iowa.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN LEBANON, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE.

The Sessions Commenced on the Evening of the Eighteenth, and Continued until the Evening of the Twenty-third Day of the Month inclusive, Adjourning at Nine O'clock P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., on Wednesday, October 18, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 P. M., in accordance with the resolution adopted by the last Synod. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., from the text recorded in the 137th Psalm, 5, 6: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Ministers: James W. Mabry,[2] W. H. Wotring, Chas E Creitz, M. A. Peters, A. Lobach.

Elders: Lewis Bauman, Frank Andreas,[2] James Renner.

The numbers indicate the day on which the delegates appeared, and the letters the day of their departure.

II. From Lebanon Classis.

Ministers: Thomas M. Yundt,[2] J. A. Wickert, I. C. Fisher, D. B. Albright.

Elders: Samuel Klopp, John H. Cilley, E. A. Leinbach,[2,d] Jacob Horst.[d]

III.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Ministers: Jno. H. Sechler,[2] Chas. H. Coon, J. B. Henry, H. T. Spangler,[2,d] F. C. Yost,[2] Jas. Crawford, D. D.

Elders: H. M. Housekeeper, F. G. Hobson, Andrew J. Baker,[2] Jacob G. Brown.[d]

IV.—From Lancaster Classis.

Ministers: Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., R. W. Miller,[2] Jno. M. Titzel, D. D., M. H. Sangree,[2] F. Pilgram.

Elders: Henry Martin,[d] J. J. Nissley,[2,d] A. F. Shrom,[2] Wm. A. Heitshu,[2] J. W. Meminger.

V.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: Jos. H. Schlappich, J. C. Leinbach, C. H. Mutschler.

Elders: J. R. Hilbush, Jos. I. Corbett.[d]

VI.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: A. A. Black, S. L. Whitmore, Wm. M. Landis.

Elders: C. M. Bower, John Hoy, Jr.

VII.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Ministers: L. K. Evans,[3] J. E. Freeman, O. H. E. Rauch.

Elders: Jas. B. Leinbach,[d] Wm. S. Geist.[2]

VIII.—From Tohickon Classis.

Ministers: F. J. Mohr,[2] J. G. Dengler, J. W. Miller.

Elders: Wm. B. Fluck,[2] Jos. G. Myer.[d]

IX.—From Lehigh Classis.

Ministers: J. W. Knappenberger, S. G. Wagner, D. D., T. J. Hacker, G. W. Richards, J. A. Reber.

Elders: Geo. W. Hartzel,[3] R. H. Kramm, Thos. Strauss,[2] L. C. Berkenmeyer, M. D.[d]

X.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Ministers: A. R. Bartholomew, J. W. Steinmetz, W. J. Muir,[2] C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Elders: Justus Shearer.

XI.—From Wyoming Classis.

Ministers: Aaron Noll, D. E. Schoedler, J. B. Kerschner.

Elders: Wm. R. Balliet, Alem Mauser.

Rev. C. J. Musser, secundus from Philadelphia Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. H. T. Spangler on the 2d and 4th day of the Sessions. Rev. A. J. Bachman, of Lebanon Classis, occupied the seat of his primarius on the 4th and 6th day. Dr. J. Z. Gerhard, delegate secundus, occupied the seat of his primarius, Wm. A. Heitshu, on 6th day.

Advisory Members.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. Dr. D. E. Klopp, Dr. J. E. Heister, W. J. Johnson, I. C. Fisher, H. J. Welker, H. Hilbish, A. J. Bachman.

Philadelphia Classis.—Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, C. Cort, C. H. Herbst.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Chas. E. Wehler, J. S. Hartman, D. W. Gerhard, A. C. Whitmer, I. E. Graeff, D. D.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Rev. I. S. Stahr.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Rev. R. Duenger, D. D.

Lehigh Classis.—Geo. B. Smith, N. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. Dr. A. S. Leinbach, H. Y. Stoner, H. Mosser, D. D., G. W. Gerhard, S. R. Bridenbaugh.

GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.

German Philadelphia Classis.—Rev. Dr. N. Gehr.

SYNOD OF POTOMAC.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender.

Maryland Classis.—Rev. U. H. Heilman.

Other Churches.

Lutheran Church, Revs W. H. Dunbar, D. D., F. W. Schmauck, F. M. Seip, P. C. Croll, of Lebanon; Jno. Mattern, of Jonestown.

United Brethren Church, Revs. C. J. Kephart, W. U. Uhler, H. S. Gable.

Evangelical Association, Rev. I. U. Royer.

Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference, Revs. C. C. Clark, C. L. Gaul and C. S. Mervine.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected as officers of Synod to serve for the ensuing Synodical year:

Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., President, Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. J. B. Henry, Corresponding Secretary, Norristown, Pa.

Rev. John P. Stein, Stated Clerk, Reading, Pa.

Elder J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Hummelstown, Pa.

Rev. Chas. H. Coon, of Philadelphia, was elected Reading Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The President defined the Bar of the House to extend to the ninth pew from the chancel.

The daily sessions open at 9 A. M. and close at 4:30 P. M. with a recess from 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Minutes of Eastern Synod.—Revs. J. G. Dengler, Frederick Pilgram, Morgan A. Peters, Elders J. R. Hilbush, Joseph I. Corbett.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. J. W. Steinmetz, S. L. Whitmore, M. H. Sangree, Elders Jacob G. Brown, Henry Martin.

Overtures.—Revs. J. B. Henry, Albert Lobach, D. B. Albright, Elders Wm. R. Balliet, John Hoy, Jr.

Religious Services.—Revs. W. J. Johnson, D. E. Klopp, I. C. Fisher, Elders J. H. Cilley, J. K. Funck.

Ministers of Classes.—Revs. T. J. Hacker, C. E. Creitz, T. M. Yundt, Elders F. G. Hobson, James B. Leinbach.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. J. M. Titzel, Rufus W. Miller, W. M. Landis, Elders C. M. Bower, J. J. Nissley.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. Dr. S. G. Wagner, C. J. Musser, J. C. Leinbach, Elders H. M. Housekeeper, C. M. Bower.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, A. A. Black, D. E. Schoedler, Elders Dr. L. C. Berkemeyer, A. Mauser.

Missions.—Revs. Jas. Crawford, D. D., A. Noll, J. B. Kerschner, Elders Jas. B. Leinbach, R. H. Kramm.

Finance.—Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. A. Reber, J. E. Freeman, Elders James Renner, Samuel Klopp.

Nominations.—Revs. G. W. Richards, J. W. Miller, J. A. Wickert, Elders Lewis Bauman, Jacob Herst.

Publication.—Revs. D. E. Schoedler, C. H. Mutchler, J. H. Schlappich, Elders Jacob G. Brown, Wm. R. Balliet.

Orphan Home.—Revs. C. H. Coon, Jos. H. Schlappich, W. H. Wotring, Elders John H. Cilley, Harry Martin.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion, and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education were read, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

4. The Report of the General Board of Missions and also the Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States were read by the Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Whitmer; also the Report of Dr. S. N. Callender, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

6. Numerous other documents were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod of Lancaster were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report such items as claim the attention of Synod. The Committee's report was presented on Thursday, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to report the following items as claiming attention:

Item 1, page 32–35. Synod appointed Rev. J. H. Pannebecker as superintendent in the collection of funds for the erection of the new Seminary Building.

Item 2, page 37. Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to convey its thanks to Elders Gross and Renninger for faithful service rendered as Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 3, page 38. Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to communicate with Pittsburgh Synod relative to the election of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., to the chair of Practical Theology.

Item 4, page 38. Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to extend the call to Dr. Wm. Rupp.

Item 5, page 58. Synod appointed Revs. L. K. Evans and D. E. Schoedler to defend Synod's action at General Synod.

Item 6, page 61. Synod directed the Stated Clerk to publish and distribute Minutes of Synod.

Item 7, page 67. Synod appointed a committee to effect certain legal changes in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 8, page 68. Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to return its thanks to Elders D. S. Keller and John W. Bickel, Esq., for legal services gratuitously rendered.

Item 9, page 67. Synod appointed a special committee to act in conjunction with similar committees of Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods in regard to the celebration of Synod's Centennial.

Item 10, page 68. Synod instructed the Stated Clerks of the Classes to forward to the Stated Clerk of Synod. with the certified list of delegates to Synod, the roll of Ministers belonging to their respective Classes.

Item 11, page 70. Synod instructed the Stated Clerk to forward its action in regard to Dr. Philip Schaff, in an engrossed letter con-

cerning his welcome and greeting, on the semi-centennial of his labors in this country.

Item 12, page 64. Synod appointed a special committee to confer with the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, in regard to the observance of Bethany Day.

Item 13, page 73. Synod adjourned to meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., October 18, 1893, at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DENGLER, *Chairman.*

The action taken on the items in the foregoing report is as follows: On items 1 and 4, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary; the items 2, 3, 8, 10, 11 and 13, attended to; on item 5, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References; on item 6, see Article XIX., on Publication; on items 7 and 9, see Article XXI., on Church Government; on item 12, see Article XX., on Orphan Home.

Minutes of General Synod.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod was read, acted on item by item and adopted.

Item 1, a. This Synod overtured General Synod to constitute the Board of Home Missions with reference to geographical boundaries.

b. Answer to the above, page 105, report of Special Committee.

c. Plan of Unification of Missions, pages 74, 75.

Item 2, a. Appeal of Philadelphia Classis from the action of this Synod at Lancaster, in sustaining the complaint of Goshenhoppen Classis.

b. The appeal sustained, pages 157, 160.

c. Committee appointed to defend the action of Synod, before the General Synod, pages 62, 65.

Item 3. General Synod complied with the request of the Joint Committee of Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods in regard to the celebration of this Synod's Centennial.

Item 4. General Synod adopted certain resolutions commending the cause of the Orphan Home to the churches, pages 135, 136.

Item 5. General Synod declares the Reformed Church Hymnal adopted, page 196.

Item 6. General Synod apportioned on this Synod $2,800 contingent expenses, and $15,000 for Missions, see page 209.

Item 7. General Synod will hold its next Triennial Sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, May 27, 1896, at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

All the items with their subdivisions in the foregoing report were adopted and the apportionments made by General Synods on this body were referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned on the several Classes.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures read its report, which was considered, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to offer the following report.

Item 1. A report from the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc.

Item 2. A communication from Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

Item 3. A communication from Dr. Jos. H. Dubbs, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, containing the names of nominees for the aforesaid Board.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., accepting the Professorship of Practical Theology.

Item 5. The presentation of two copies, entitled "Sealed Unto Christ," with compliments of Rev. Ambrose Schmidt.

Item 6. The presentation of a copy, entitled "Our Marriage Service," with compliments of Rev. C. G. Fisher, D. D.

Item 7. The report of Bethany Orphan Home.

Item 8. A book, entitled "Heaven," presented by Rev. R. C. Zartman.

Item 9. A communication from Potomac Synod in regard to appointing a self-denial week in the interests of the work for Foreign Missions.

Item 10. A book, entitled "Ned Hampden," presented by Rev. I. A. Sites.

Item 11. The presentation of the catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College and Ursinus College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HENRY, *Chairman.*

The following references contain the action of Synod taken on the several items on the foregoing report:

On items 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, see Article XXII., Miscellaneous; on item 2, see Article XVIII., on Sunday-schools; on item 4, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary; on item 7, see Article XX., on Orphan Home; on item 9, see Article XIV., on Missions. The catalogues of the institutions referred to in item 11 were received with thanks and placed in the Archives.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service. The Standing Committee on Religious Service made the following appointments for service on the Lord's Day, which were adopted:

St. John's Reformed Church.—Rev. W. J. Johnson, pastor; 10:30 A. M.; altar service, Rev. A. A. Black, F. Pilgram, M. A. Peters; synodical communion, Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.; 7 P. M., devotional service by Rev. M. H. Sangree; speakers, Revs. A. C. Whitmer and C. S. Gerhard, D. D.; Elder F. G. Hobson, presiding; 2 P. M., Elders F. G. Hobson, Esq., and A. J. Baker.

Young Men's Christian Association.—3 P. M., Rev. Jerome B. Henry.

Tabor Reformed Church.—Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. A. Lobach; 7 P. M., Rev. Jas. W. Meminger.

St. Mark's Reformed Church.—Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. J. C. Leinbach; 7 P. M., Rev. W. H. Wotring.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew; 7 P. M., Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

Trinity U. B. Church.—Rev. C. J. Kephart, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. Jas. Crawford, D. D.

Fourth Street Presbyterian.—Rev. R. E. Carter, pastor; 10:15 A. M., Rev. F. C. Yost.

Salem Lutheran.—Revs. B. W. and T. E. Smauck, pastors; 10 A. M., Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D.

Salem U. B.—Rev. H. S. Gabel, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. C. H. Mutschler; 7 P. M., Rev. J. E. Freeman.

St. Paul's Evangelical.—Rev. W. H. Hartzler, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. D. B. Albright; 7 P. M., Rev. A. A. Black.

Seventh Street Lutheran.—Rev. P. C. Croll, pastor; 10:15 A. M., Rev. W. H. Wotring; 7:15 P. M., Rev. M. A. Peters.

M. E. Church.—Rev. R. J. Carson, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. T. J. Hacker; 7 P. M., Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Christ Presbyterian.—Rev. C. B. Cross, pastor; 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. W. Miller.

Chestnut Street Evangelical.—Rev. I. U. Royer, pastor; 10 A. M., Rev. F. J. Mohr.

Moravian.—Rev. E. S. Hangen, pastor; 7 P. M., Rev. F. Pilgram.

Services celebrating the Centennial of Synod were held on Saturday evening. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, F. C. Yost and Elder C. M. Bower.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN J. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday. It was acted on item by item at intervals, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classes would respectfully submit that we have examined the Minutes and find the following items claiming your consideration.

I.—Irregularities.

1. Philadelphia Classis failed in its Statistical Report to give the number of Ministers.

2. The same Classis failed to add the columns of confirmations and deaths.

3. Lebanon Classis failed to attach its corporate seal to its certification of special meetings, page 52.

4. Lebanon Classis adopts a new boundary line between its territory and that of Schuylkill Classis, without asking its confirmation by Synod, pages 11, 12.

5. Tohickon Classis closed the opening session of its annual meeting without prayer, page 2.

6. Tohickon Classis failed to add the column of ministers.

7. Lehigh Classis failed to note the ordination of Lics. C. E. Schaeffer and G. B. Smith, in its schedule of items.

8. Schuylkill Classis failed to add its column of ministers.

II.—Requests

1. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to excuse it from the payment of six hundred dollars ($600) of its apportionment for Home Missions, page 27.

III.—Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them by Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. Tohickon Classis makes no effort to organize a Classical Missionary Society in accordance with Synod's instructions, page 18.

2. Schuylkill Classis does not accept the full amount apportioned by Synod for Missions, page 8.

IV.—Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. G. B. Dechant gives notice of complaint from action of East Susquehanna Classis, page 42.

2. East Susquehanna Classis complains to Synod against the action of Philadelphia Classis, page 38.

3. Rev. C. H. Herbst gives notice of appeal from the action of Goshenhoppen Classis, pages 13, 14.

V.—Licensure, Ordination, etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed S. F. Hartzell and Peter E. Heimer; ordained Lic. Charles E. Creitz; dismissed Lic. S. F. Hartzell to East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. Peter E. Heimer to Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Frank H. Fisher and dismissed him to the Classis of Wyoming, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. David U. Wolff to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; received Rev. Henry Hilbish from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Jesse Harmer String and Edward Franklin Wiest; ordained Lic. Henry H. Apple; received Revs. A. S. Bromer and George H. Miller from Wyoming Classis, Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. E. D. Shoemaker from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. Cosmos Herbst from Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Cyrus Cort from Mercers-

burg Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. D. U. Wolf from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Revs. I. C. Fisher and Henry Hilbish to Lebanon Classis, Rev. W. H. Stubblebine to Wyoming Classis, and Rev. C. E. Wehler to Lancaster Classis; erased Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. O. Johnson.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Takeo Noya, Benj. M. Meyer, Alfred M. Schaffner and Carl F. Dewitz; ordained Charles H. Slinghoff and Benjamin M. Meyer; received Rev. B. H. Roth from Classis of East Ohio, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Charles E. Wehler from Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod; Rev. Henry H. Sangree from Classis of Montgomery, of Reformed Church of America; dismissed Lic. Alfred M. Schaffner to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Lic. Carl F. Dewitz to Kansas Classis, Synod of Interior; Lic. Takeo Noya to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh; Rev. Samuel M. Roeder to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. Milton M. Noacher to the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Lic. Samuel F. Hartzell from East Pennsylvania Classis; dismissed Rev. T. Derr to West Susquehanna Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Samuel H. Deitzel, James M. Runkle, Wm. H. Landis and Geo. E. Limbert; received Rev. T. Derr from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. Lewis Robb to Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard and Rev. Geo. E. Addams to Schuylkill Classis, Lic. James M. Runkle to Carlisle, and Wm. H. Landis to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. Geo. E. Limbert to St. Paul's Classis, and Samuel H. Deitzel to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Charles P. Kehl; ordained Lic. W. B. Werner; received Revs. G. W. Roth and G. B. Walbert from Schuylkill Classis, and Lic. W. B. Werner from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. C. H. Herbst to Philadelphia Classis, and Lic. C. P. Kehl to Wyoming Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed B. F. Luckenbill; received Rev. David Scheirer and Student B. F. Luckenbill from Schuylkill Classis.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Franklin H. Ruloff, Geo. Dreiblebies, Marchby J. Roth, Wm. C. Sykes and Wm. B. Werner; ordained Lic. Chas. E. Schaeffer and Lic. Geo. B. Smith; dismissed Lic. S. P. Stouffer to Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. T. N. Reber to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. F. B. Hahn to Schuylkill

Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. Wm. C. Sykes to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. F. H. Ruloff to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. Geo. A. Dreiblebeis, Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; Lic. Wm. B. Werner to Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed Harry E. Jones, Calvin D. Yost and D. M. Jones; received Rev. F. B. Hahn from Lehigh Classis, Rev. G. W. Gerhard from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. W. H. Herbert from Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. G. W. Roth and Geo. B. Walbert to Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. David Scheirer to Tohickon Classis, Rev. M. H. Mishler to the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; Lic. Harry E. Jones to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, and Lic. D. M. Jones to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.

11. Wyoming Classis received Rev. H. A. I. Benner from Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Wm. R. Stubblebine from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Chas. N. Brandt from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. Franklin H. Ruloff from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod and ordained him; licensed L. S. Faust and dismissed him to Wichita Classis, Synod of Interior; dismissed Rev. Geo. H. Miller to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in the "Union Chapel," Siegfried's Bridge, Northampton county, Pa., on Thursday, May 23, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. James B. May, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Sinking Spring, Berks county, Pa., on Monday, April 30, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. V. George, *President;* Rev. J. E. Hiester, *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in Boehm's Reformed Church, Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa., on the last Tuesday before the last full moon in May, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Calvin U. Derr, *President;* Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., on Thursday after Whit-Sunday, May 17, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, *President;* Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed

Church, Ringtown, Schuylkill county, Pa., on Thursday after Whit-Sunday, May 17, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. H. Mutschler, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leinbach, *Stated Clerk.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, at Zion, Centre county, Pa., on the Third Wednesday of May, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. A. Black, *President;* Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in the New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church, East Greenville, Montgomery county, Pa., on May 1, 1894 at 2 P. M. Rev. G. W. Roth, *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in the Union Church of Durham, Bucks county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 4, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. J. Mohr, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., on Monday May 14, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. T. J. Hacker, *President;* Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, *Stated Clerk.*

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., on the first Monday after Whit-Sunday, 1894, at 8 P. M. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, *President;* Rev. W. J. Muir, *Stated Cleck.*

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in the Paradise Reformed Church, Turbut township, Northumberland county, Pa., on June 6, 1894, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. D. W. Ebbert, *President;* Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk.* Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

For Synod's action on the items under the head of Irregularities, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References. For action on 1st item under the head of Requests, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References. The items under the head of subjects referred were adopted. For the action on the 2d item under the head of complaints, see Article XVII., on Complaints. All the items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission, also those under the head of Time and Place for next Annual Meeting of the Classes were adopted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk shall add in a foot note in the

printed minutes, to the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes the following: The Minutes of East Snsquehanna Classis show that the Numidea Charge persistently refuses to pay its apportionment for Home Missions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that no candidates were referred to it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: There are more ways than one of ascertaining the religious and moral condition of any body or community.

Of all the ways possible, there are two which stand out with especial prominence, viz., a personal visitation and presence on the one hand and the reading of the reports of the faithful chronicler on the other.

Were your committee confined to the former method, their report would be but limited in its scope, and correspondingly unsatisfactory. On the basis, however, of eleven different reports, which came up from the entire ecclessiastical territory which this Synod covers, and setting forth the religious and moral condition of about 500 congregations, a more extensive examination and review becomes possible.

In the various reports there submitted to our reading, we find a ngular keness of one to another, with here and there a slightly varying note. All, with one accord, gratefully acknowledge the presence of the Master in the ship during the past year, whether it

it was peacefully sailing on the quiet sea of an unbroken prosperity or tossed in the billowy surges of the oppossng current of sin and sorrow.

God has blessed His church; it has not been without its encouraging growth. It has had its saving influence in this vast world of sin under Christ, the great Shepherd. His ministers have been carrying the balm of Gilead to the children of men, to the healing of the spiritual hurt of the soul. Under the ministrations of grace, comfort has been brought to the sorrowing, light to the blind, ease and peace to the sin-burdened. Children have been consecrated to Christ; the young have been instructed and led onward to assume the vows and obligation of the Christian life. The Christian Church has thrown open the doors to them, and invited them to sit down with their elders, to partake of the feast of fat things. The milk has been fed to the babes, and the meat has been offered to the young man and the maiden, to the father and the matron, so that all might find alike in the Kingdom the food whereso they might grow in grace and in the knowledge of God; and find fitness in His service here, for the enjoyment of His presence in the Heavenly glory hereafter.

As the result of this work of the under shepherds, the Statistical table will show how many have been added, within the bounds of the Synod, during the past year to the list of the baptised, of the confirmed and of the communicants. The number, dear brethren, is swelling the hosts that are being gathered in for the Master, and doubtless, many souls shall stand, in eternity, for the hive of the faithtul, the consecrated Minister of Jesus Christ. In view of this manifest evidence of God's blessing and favor gratitude becomes us as a church.

But not only have the children of the Church and of Christian families been thus reached and provided for; but through the Sunday-school, and by the work of the faithful pastors and officers and teachers, the children of the careless and the wayward have not been left without spiritual oversight, and a measure of religious instruction and training. Some of these have been rescued for God; others, doubtless, will again wander. But be the result what it may, let us be thankful and take courage. An earnest, intelligent, conscientious zeal and judicious, well directed effort under the blessing of God, will, after many or few days, show its results. May we not hope that the appointment of the new Sunday-school General Secretary

will add much to the influence of the hitherto defective Sunday system in our Reformed Zion, as well as to the number of the children and adults to be brought under this influence. Quite a number of the reports make mention of the fact that new congregations have been organized; that union congregations have dissolved their relation and sought separate organization for themselves, and that new churches have been built. If the fields do thus increase in number and become enlarged in extent, the faithful laborers will need to be multiplied.

It therefore affords your herald pleasure to be able to announce that an unusually large number of young men is at present being educated within the bounds of this Synod for the Christian ministry, and will in due time be prepared to take up the shepherd's staff, and meet these new pressing demands. The various reports give evidence that in the matter of Christian benevolence and religious activity, the sleeping giant within the Church has at least begun to rub his eyes, and there is hope that in due time he will arise and shake himself and lay hold of the work in good earnest. The women of the Church, the young men and maidens and the children, seem to have entered the field. Missionary Societies, Young People's Guilds, and Boys' and Girls' Mission Bands, are being organized throughout the Church; and the inflow of benevolent monies into the different treasuries is evidently assuming larger proportions. May the good work continue to go forward until there shall be no lack of missionary funds, both Foreign and Home, and until the demand made upon the Church by all its institutions may be fully met. There yet remains that God, by His grace touch the hearts of those possessed of large means to come forward with their princely gifts, and lay them upon the altar for the use of His Church. There is no picture without its shadings in human life; wherever there is a bright side there is usually also a dark side to be found, and this dark side may be the result either of man's agency or of God's. If the agency be of man, it is his sin and unfaithfulness; if of God, it is one or the other of His inscrutable providences. On man's side, according to the reports, there have been religious declensions; here and there erasures of names and the temporary withdrawal of church fellowship are reported; it is also made painfully evident that there is a sad disproportion between the recorded membership and the communicant membership of the churches.

Our report calls attention to the fearful lack of family discipline in

many Christian families, and to the sad decline of family religion. Too many in modern times seem to have forgotten the truth that the family is the first divine institution, and that the first responsibility in the training of the child for God rests upon the parent; and that the family circle is the first sphere for the exercise of the religious activity of the truly Christian parent.

The various other modes of religious activity were never designed to take the place of the proper religious activity at home, nor can they in any measure atone for any neglect or defect in the essential religious life or tone in the family. Of every true home the mother is the centre, and to her more especially has the child been given as a trust to be trained for God and for Heaven. Any religious life that has been neglected in the home will be correspondingly dwarfed in all time to come, and it is consequently a serious proposition whether the unusual measure of religious activity which is found in the narrow outside organizations had not better be expended, in part at least, upon the dear ones at home.

The Dark Side, so far as it has been the result of divine agency, has been the unwontedly large number of deaths among the ministry of the Church. No less than seven during the past year have laid down the staff, and the faithful servants are resting from their labors. Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Reily and Rev. Charles W. Schultz, of the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. John Kretzing and Rev. George B. Smith, of the Classis of East Pennsylvania; Rev. J. C. Glantz and Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, of the Classis of Wyoming; and Rev. S. K. Gross, of the Classis of Tohicken, will no longer answer to their names at the roll call of human assembly or judicatory. And along with these brethren there has been tearfully laid away two faithful elders who served God and the Church for many years, viz: Elder George W. Hensel, of the Classis of Lancaster, and Elder Robert Patterson, of the Classis of Philadelphia.

We mourn for all these brethren, and yet we thank God that they have fought the fight and kept the faith, and that their earthly course is now finished.

And now for blessings vouchsafed unto us and for all good done by us, the praise be unto God. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

NECROLOGY.

The Stated Clerk of Synod has taken note of the following record of the labors of those in the ministry of the Reformed Church within the bounds of this Synod who have ended their work and taken their departure during the Synodical year:

REV. WILLIAM MCCLELLAN REILY, D. D., died November 22d, 1892.

Wm. M. Reily, son of Rev. James Ross and Louisa Reily, nee McClellan, was born at York, Pa., in 1837. He was a graduate of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa., and of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa. He took a post-graduate course of three years, aided by the Hollweg Tutorship Fund in the Universities of Germany. He filled the position of tutor for three years in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa.

In 1864 he was elected and ordained as the pastor of the Reformed Church at Lewisburg, Pa. In 1868 he accepted the call and was installed as the pastor of the Reformed Church at Jonestown. In 1873 he was elected to a professorship in Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa., and subsequently became the president of that institution. In 1884 he accepted the call to the Presidency of Allentown Female College, which position he held for eight years.

Having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Reformed Church, Wyoming, Del., he entered upon his labors in July, 1892. His last sermon was preached on Sunday, November 20, 1892, in the Reformed Church at Ridgely, Md. He died on the following Tuesday at Wyoming, and on Friday his mortal remains were conveyed to Allentown, Pa., and buried aside of the graves of his departed mother and his only child, Louisa. He died at the age of fifty-five years, and is now resting in the hope of a blessed immortality.

REV. JOHN KRETZING died December 9th, 1892.

John Kretzing was born March 6th, 1836, at Ickesburg, Perry county, Pa. He received his education in the public schools and academies of his native county. Several years of his life were devoted to teaching. He pursued his theological course in the Seminary at Mercersburg. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Zion's Classis in May, 1863, at Carlisle, Pa. In the same year he accepted a call to the Decker Run charge in Crawford county, Pa.

In 1872 he accepted the call to the Lykens charge, Dauphin county, Pa., and in 1876 he became the pastor of the New Bloomfield charge in Perry county, Pa., and in 1881 of Christ Church, Adams county, Pa. His last charge was at Broadheadville, Monroe county, Pa., where he continued to labor until his failing health admonished him to retire from the active duties of the ministry. After a faithful ministry of twenty-nine years he ended his earthly career December 3, 1892, at the age of fifty-six years and nine months. His remains were taken to Newport, Pa., and laid to rest in the cemetery by the side of his sainted children.

REV. DIODORUS S. DIEFFENBACHER died January 23d, 1893.

Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher was born February 26th, 1835, at Woodstock, Va. He was married to Miss Mary Reifsnyder, of Lancaster, Pa. In his earlier life he was actively engaged in business in Pittsburgh. He was one of the founders and a charter member of Grace Reformed Church of that city. Although successful in his business career he felt constrained to devote his life to the gospel ministry. He entered the institutions at Lancaster as a student and was graduated in 1873 in the Theological Seminary.

He was licensed and ordained to preach the gospel in the same year, and became the pastor of the Kittanning charge, Pa. In 1885 he accteped a call to the Reformed Church at Altoona, Pa., and in 1891 he became the pastor of the Shiloh Reformed Church at Danville, Pa. He died January 23d, 1893, at the age of fifty-seven years, ten months and twenty-seven days. His mortal remains were taken to Pittsburgh and buried January 26th, 1893. The deceased leaves an aged mother, a wife, three sons and four daughters to mourn his departure.

REV. CHAS. W. SCHULTZ died April 14, 1893.

The deceased was a native of Berks county, Pa. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1830. He served in his earlier ministerial life as a missionary in the vicinity of Reading. He labored at Oley, Pa., from 1842 to 1844, and at Baumstown, Pa., to 1846. In 1857 it is recorded that he served as a missionary at Egg Harbor, N. J.

In 1858 he retired from the active duties of the ministry and lived in retirement with his children in Camdem, N. J. He preached occasionally for his ministerial brethren. After waiting patiently for

his summons to a higher life he died in the nintieth year of his age, and was buried in Camdem, N. J., in the hope of a blessed immortality.

REV. SIMON KUHNTZ GROSS died September 24, 1893.

Simon K. Gross, son of Daniel and Catherine Gross, was born December 9, 1829, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, Pa. He was baptised in infancy by Rev. C. Gobrecht; at the age of sixteen he was received by confirmation as a member of Jordan Reformed church, in the same county, by Rev. Jos. S. Dubbs, D. D. He was married August 4, 1857, to Miss Mary Ann Wolff. His educational training was received in the public school and, later on, in the Allentown Seminary under the direction of Rev. C. R. Kessler, with whom he pursued his classical studies for four years, and an additional year in his theological studies under the supervision of Dr. J. S. Dubbs, of Allentown.

He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1854 by East Pennsylvania Classis at South Whitehall, and in the following year received a call to the Salisbury congregation.

In 1858 he accepted a call to Schlichter's congregation, Bucks county, Pa., in addition to which he served several other congregations.

In the Providence of God he met with an accident whilst at the World's Fair, at Chicago, which proved fatal. He terminated his life September 24, 1893, at the age of sixty-three years, nine months and fifteen days. His labors in the ministry covered a period of thirty-nine years. The funeral services were held at Schlichter's church, of which the deceased was pastor for more than thirty-five years. He was abundant in labors and is now awaiting his eternal reward.

REV. GEO. B. SMITH died March 26, 1893.

Geo. B. Smith, son of John Z. and Margaret Smith was born July 3, 1842, in Beford county, Pa. He pursued his studies preparatory to the gospel ministry privately. He was licensed in 1884 by Tohickon Classis, and ordained in 1886 by East Pennsylvania Classis. His first and only charge was at Tannersville, which he served for nearly seven years. He died March 26, 1893, at the age of fifty years, six months and twenty-three days. His remains were buried at Tannersville, Pa., where he closed his earthly ministry.

REV. JOHN C. GLANTZ died June 5, 1893.

John C. Glantz was born in Chur Hessen, Germany, n 1830. In his youth he came to this country and settled in Baltimore, Md. Later in life he spent several years in the States of Missouri and Illinois, serving in the Christian ministry. In 1885 he accepted a call to the Reformed church at Higins, Scuylkill county, Pa., and in 1889 he was called as pastor to the Reformed church at Nanticoke. He died June 5, 1893, at the age of sixty-three years, and was buried in Hanover Cemetery, Nanticoke, Pa.

Necrological Correction.

In the obituary notice of Dr. Charles F. McCauley, published a year ago, an omission occurs which is herewith corrected. Dr. McCauley was licensed in May, 1843, and ordained June 11th in the same year as pastor of Reformed Church at Mercersburg, which he served as pastor for two years and seven months.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

A.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to report that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. The first one was held on January 25, 1893, at the American House, Lancaster, Pa.

An appropriate announcement of the death of Geo. W. Hensel, President, was made by Jacob Heyser, President pro tem., and proper action was taken.

The Building Committee appointed by Synod reported that it had purchased the grounds for the site of the new Seminary buildings for $10,875, and the action of the Building Committee was ratified and approved.

The second meeting was held on May 11, 1893, in the First Church, Lancaster, Pa.

The following officers were elected: *President*, Geo. N. Forney; *Vice President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, G. Z. Kunkel; *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

Rev. A. E. Truxal appeared before the Board, in behalf of the Endowment Committee of Pittsburgh Synod, to call attention to its claim for interest on funds in the hands of the Board. As there was an evident misapprehension of Pittsburgh Synod of the action of the Board, the Secretary was instructed to furnish the Rev. Truxal with a copy of the action of the Board, of September 22, 1892, to present to Pittsburgh Synod.

J. W. Bickel, of Norristown, appeared before the Board, in behalf of a committee from the Eastern Synod, and presented the amendments to the charter of the Theological Seminary. The same was approved, and the President and Secretary directed to seal the same with the common and corporate seal, and execute all necessary instruments to secure the said amendments to the charter of this corporation.

The third meeting was held on September 22, 1893, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The committee appointed to have the amendments to the charter approved by the Court reported that they had done so, and received said approval.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mr. John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa., containing four notes of $3,920 each, falling due respectively on the 30th of July, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, without interest, in all $15,680, the interest of said fund to be devoted to the contingent expenses of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter to be entered on the minutes; and also the letter and resolutions passed by the Board, a copy of which letter was sent to Mr. Reigel.

The fund is to be known as the "John L. Riegel Fund."

In regard to the Centennial offerings, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to hand over the "Centennial offerings" in the General Fund to the Building Fund, if not otherwise designated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Secretary.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 26, 1893.

B.—Treasurer's Report.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa.:

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892.					DR.	
Sept.	22.	To amount cash due, as per report				$268.80
"	25.	"	Interest rec'd of		H. Keen to Oct. 1, 1892	30.00
Oct.	3.	"	"	"	S. M. Keene to Oct. 1, 1892	75.00
"	5.	"	"	"	Kieffer Legacy to Oct. 1, 1892	237.50
"	11.	"	"	"	N. Groff to Oct. 1, 1892	30.00
"	19.	"	"	"	St. Stephen's Chapel to Oct. 29, 1892	30.00
Nov.	10.	"	"	"	E. M. Killough to Oct. 1, 1892	75.00
"	12.	"	"	"	T. G. Apple to Jan. 1, 1893	12.00
"	28.	"	"	"	St John's Lutheran Church Bonds to Dec. 1, 1892	106.00
Dec.	1.	"	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to Dec. 1, 1792	150.00
"	10.	"	"	"	Mercersburg Bond to Jan. 1, 1893	21.00
"	24.	"	"	"	Jacob A. Metzger on account	15.00
"	29.	"	"	"	Loan	15.00
1893.						
Jan.	4.	"	"	"	W. Susquehanna Classis in full	8.24
"	18.	"	"	"	Lehigh Classis to Oct. 1, 1892	15.00
"	21.	"	"	"	M. Lysinger to Nov. 1, 1892	30.00
Feb.	13.	"	"	"	A. and A. J. Fritz to Oct. 1, 1892	82.50
"	22.	"	"	"	Lane & Co., to Feb. 1, 1893	150.00
"	25.	"	"	"	Geo. W. Sehroyer to April 1, 1893	134.75
"	27.	"	"	"	John Becker to Feb. 28, 1893	240.00
Mar.	15.	"	"	"	I. H. Kauffman to April 2. 1893	56.25
"	23.	"	"	"	Geo. Carbaugh to April 1, 1893	120.00
"	24.	"	"	"	St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin to April 1, 1893	30.00
"	30.	"	"	"	E. B. Fritz to April 1, 1893	81.00
"	30.	"	"	"	E. S. Stehman to Feb. 3, 1893	30.00
"	31.	"	"	"	M. S. Harlin, Treas., to April 1, 1893	100.00
April	1.	"	"	"	S. Johnson to April 1, 1893	60.00
"	1.	"	"	"	S. M. Keen to April 1, 1893	75.00
"	1.	"	"	"	A. Kunkle to April 1, 1893	38.50
"	1.	"	"	"	H. Mestley to April 1, 1893	42.00
"	1.	"	"	"	John F. Bassler to April 1, 1893	33.00
"	1.	"	Interest paid by		I. Groff to April 1, 1893	82.50
"	1.	"	"	"	I. A. Metzger on account	10.00
"	3.	"	"	"	Amos Christ to April 1, 1893	90.00
"	4.	"	"	"	Geo. W. Hensel in full	12.00

April	4.	To Interest paid by			Newton Groff to April 1, 1893 . .	$30.00
"	5.	"	"	"	S. G. Wagner, D. D., to April 1, 1893	6.00
"	7.	"	"	"	G. F. Baer to April 1, 1893 . .	45.00
"	10.	"	"	"	P. M. Ermantrout to April 1, 1893	270.00
"	10.	"	"	"	Henry Keen to April 1, 1893	30.00
"	14.	"	"	"	I. Bruckart to April 1, 1893 . . .	126.00
"	14.	"	"	"	M. F. Hambright to April 17, 1893 .	60.00
"	17.	"	"	"	Lebanon Classis to Jan. 1, 1893 . . .	6.00
"	19.	"	"	"	J. Heyser to April 1, 1893	240.00
"	20.	"	"	"	Kieffer Legacy to April 1, 1893 . .	237.50
"	20.	"	"	"	Cook, D. D., to March 1, 1893 . . .	60.00
"	21.	"	"	"	M. A. Cessna to May 1, 1892 . . .	60.00
"	24.	"	"	"	Gymnasium Notes to April 1, 1893 .	148.00
"	24.	"	"	"	M. A. Keefer & Co., to April 21, 1893	110.00
May	3.	"	"	"	Loan	10.00
"	5.	"	"	"	E. Penna. Classis to Oct. 1, 1892 . .	60.00
"	8.	"	"	"	E. McKillough to May 1, 1893 . . .	75.00
"	31.	"	"	"	St. John's Lutheran Church Bonds to May 15, 1893	106.00
June	1.	"	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to June 1, 1893	150.00
"	10.	"	"	"	Jacob L. Metzger to April 1, 1893 .	18.68
"	12.	"	"	"	I. G. Simmons on account	25.00
"	16.	"	"	"	David H. Mingerd to Sept. 29, 1893	300.00
"	21.	"	"	"	M. B. Hartman to June 21, 1893 . .	200.00
"	27.	"	"	"	I. G. Simmons on account	25.00
July	1.	"	"	"	Lebanon Classis Bond to July 1, 1893	3.00
"	11.	"	"	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co.	1.10
"	11.	"	"	"	Isaac G. Simmons on account $75.00	
"	24.	"	"	"	" " " 50.00	
Aug.	9.	"	"	"	" " " 50.00	
						175.00
"	21.	"	"	"	M. Lysinger to May 15, 1893 . . .	30.00
"	22.	"	"	"	Isaac G. Simmons on account . . .	50.00
"	28.	"	"	"	John Becker to Aug. 28, 1893 . . .	220.00
Sept.	4.	"	"	"	Isaac G. Simmons on account . . .	50.00
"	5.	"	"	"	A. and A. J. Fritz to April 1, 1893 .	82.50
"	9.	"	"	"	Seminary Aid Fund transferred . .	90.95
"	22.	"	"	"	Amount balance due Treasurer . . .	325.24
						$6, 12.01

1892. CR.

Oct.	31.	By bill paid Reilly Bros. & Raub	$2.82
Nov.	10.	" salary paid Thos. G. Apple, D. D.	200.00
"	10.	" " E. V. Gerhart, D. D.	200.00
"	10.	" " F. A. Gast, D. D.	200.00
"	19.	" mortgage transfer and notary	1.50
Dec.	6.	" E. V. Gerhart, salary to January 1, 1893	175.00
"	6.	" Thos. G. Apple, " " "	175.00
"	6.	" F. A. Gast, " " "	175.00

1893.				
Jan.	5.	By	W. Wohlsen, bill paid	$22.13
"	5.	"	Reilly Bros. & Raub, bill	.75
"	5.	"	Seminary advertisement in Church Almanac	20.00
"	17.	"	notary	.25
Feb.	1.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	1.	"	Thos. G. Apple, "	200.00
"	1.	"	F. A. Gast, on "	200.00
"	25.	"	P. O. Stamps for Seminary catalogues	6.00
Mar.	10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to April 1, 1893	175.00
"	10.	"	Thos. G. Apple, " " "	175.00
"	10.	"	F. A. Gast, " " "	175.00
"	10.	"	"Intelligencer," bill for catalogues	38.92
April	17.	"	Janitor's services to April 1, 1893	100.00
"	24.	"	B. B. Martin, coal bill	13.50
May	6.	"	P. N. Wohlsen, bill	6.03
"	6.	"	John Rudisill, bill	37.00
"	10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	10.	"	Thos. G. Apple, "	200.00
"	10.	"	F. A. Gast, "	200.00
"	18.	"	Silas S. Neff, on elocution	250.00
"	18.	"	Brinkman & Newell, bill	7.00
June	9.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to July 1, 1893	175.00
"	9.	"	Thos. G. Apple, " " "	175.00
"	9.	"	F. A. Gast, " " "	175.00
"	16.	"	notary	.25
July	3.	"	John Dickel, bill, coal oil	5.40
"	18.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	18.	"	Thos. G. Apple, "	200.00
"	18.	"	F. A. Gast, "	200.00
Aug.	14.	"	amended charter costs	14.50
"	14.	"	Janitor services to October 1, 1893	100.00
"	28.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to October 1, 1893	175.00
"	29.	"	Thos. G. Apple, salary to October 1, 1393	175.00
"	29.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to October 1, 1893	175.00
Sept.	5.	"	Treasurer, salary to October 1893	200.00
"	5.	"	W. U. Hensel, attorney, in full	50.00
"	5.	"	Library Fund, interest to October 1, 1893	65.99
"	5.	"	Smaltz Fund, " " "	275.00
"	5.	"	Klopp legacy, " " "	40.00
"	5.	"	Church History Fund, interest to October 1, 1893	100.00
"	5.	"	Sacred Rhetoric Fund, " " "	1.91
"	5.	"	Pittsburgh Prof. Fund, " " "	134.36
"	9.	"	John Rudisill, bill	18.70
				$6,012.01
Sept. 22, 1893.			Balance due Treasurer	$325.24

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1892.		DR.	
Sept.	26.	For amount rec'd of Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis, Elocution	$13.00
Oct.	11.	" " " " Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer of West Susquehanna Classis, Elocution	6.00
"	12.	" " " " George Hill, Treasurer of East Susquehanna Classis, Elocution	5.15
1893.			
Jan.		" " " " Rev. W. H. Dieffenderfer, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis, Elocution	14.00
May	2.	" " " " D. B. Mauger, Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis, Elocution	11.00
"	5.	" " " " Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis, Elocution	24.00
"	18.	" " " " H. C. Hoover, Treasurer of Philadelphia Classis, Elocution	3.00
June	13.	" " " " Geo. Hill, Treasurer of East Susquehanna Classis, Elocution	3.10
July	10.	" " " " Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis, Elocution	10.00
Sept.	6.	" " " " Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, Contribution from Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge	1.70
Sept.	9, 1893.	Charged to Treas. in Seminary current expense account	$90.95

Library Account of Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1892.		DR.		
Sept.	22.	For amount balance due		$125.93
1893.				
Sept.	5.	" int. on $1349.96 from Endowment Fund to Oct. 1, 1893,		65.99
				$191.92
1892.		CR.		
Dec.	22.	By amount paid bill S. H. Zahm & Co	$18.45	
"	22.	" " " W. H. Roy & Co.	3.05	
1893.				
Jan.	18.	" " " Benziger Bros.	18.90	
Feb.	27.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D.	8.00	
"	27.	" " " Drysen & Pfieffer	4.50	
May	18.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	24.45	
July	8.	" " " W. H. Roy & Co.	3.05	
"	14.	" " " Drysen & Pfieffer	2.80	
"	15.	" " " C. Scribner & Son	8.66	$91.86
Sept.	15, 1893.	Balance due Library Fund		$100.06

Smaltz Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893.	DR.		
	Principal of Fund		$5,000.00
April	7. For interest rec'd on same		$150.00
Sept.	5. " " "		125.00
			$275.00
1893.	CR.		
April	25. By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer of Beneficiary Board	$150.00	
Sept.	5. By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer of Beneficiary Board	125.00	$275.00

The William A. Wilt Fund.

Principal of Fund is	$833.33

Sept. 15, 1893, interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Seminary . . . . . .

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893.			
	Principal of Fund is		$2,000.75
1892.	DR.		
Sept.	13. For interest on same to October 1, 1892		$75.00
1893.			
Sept.	5. For interest on same to October 1, 1893		100.00
			$175.00
1893.	CR.		
May	2. By amount paid George A. Driebelbies, as per award of contract	$100.00	
"	15. By cash paid E. V. Gerhart, expenses	1.00	101.00
Sept. 3, 1893.	Balance due Fund		$74.00

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1893.			
May	8. For amount received as principal from W. M. Irvine		$90.00
"	8. For amount received from same as a prize for Class of '92	$15.00	
ept.	5. For interest on Fund to October 1, 1893	1.91	$16.91
1893.	CR.		
May	11. By amount paid A. V. Hiester, Class Prize of '92 .		15.00
	Interest due Fund to October 1, 1893		$1.91

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1892.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	For principal of Fund as per account rendered	$2,735.75
1893.			
Sept.	5.	For interest on $2,687.30 from Oct. 1, 1892 to Oct. 1, 1893.	134.36
			$2,870.11

There is also due to Pittsburgh Synod as per action of Seminary Board September 22, 1892, the sum of $1,288.65 as interest on $1,780.30 from date of October 1, 1877 to October 1, 1892, at five per cent. interest. Said claim made by Pittsburgh Synod and allowed by the Board of Trustees under date of September 22, 1892, and the Treasurer ordered to credit the same to Pittsburgh Synod.

Statement.

Amount of Fund October 1, 1892 is		$2,735.75
Interest allowed on same to October 1, 1893		134.36
Interest as per action of Board on $1,718.30 from date of October 1, 1877 to October 1, 1892, at five per cent.	$1,288.65	
Interest on same from Oct. 1, 1892 to Oct. 1, 1893	64.43	$1,353.08
Oct. 1, 1893. Pittsburgh Professorship Fund is		$4,223.19

Endowment Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1892.		DR.	
Sept.	22.	For principal of Fund	$83,191.26
		" Building Fund transferred by order of the Board . .	12,920,62
Dec.	22.	" legacy received from Elizabeth Wagoner, of Landisburg, Perry county, Pa., as Jas. C. Wagoner, executor	422.07
1893.			
Mar.	24.	For amount received of St. John's Reformed congregation of Shamokin, Pa., per C. C. Leader, Treasurer	250.00
July	14.	For amount received of Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, the one-third net income from the Wilhelm estate to June, 1893	844.74
"	14.	Amount rec'd of C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis as a Centennial offering from the First Reformed Church of York, Pa.	53.06
"	25.	Amount rec'd of Rev. Geo. Everhart, of Shepherdstown Charge, as a Centennial offering	8.00
May	8.	Amount rec'd of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	171.45
			$97,861.20

1892. CR.

Sept.	22.	By Bond of Mrs. Anna Eyerman not collectable	$1,000.00
"	22.	By Bond vs. St. John's Reformed Congregation of Shamokin returned	1,000.00
"	22.	By less and transferred from Endowment Fund to credit of Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	1,353.08
			$3,353.08
Oct. 1, 1893.		Amount of Endowment Fund	$94,508.12

Statement of Funds.

Endowment Fund, Oct. 1, 1893	$94,508.12
Smaltz Fund, Oct. 1, 1893	5,000.00
Library Fund, Oct. 1, 1893	1,819.96
Pittsburgh Professorship Fund, Oct. 1, 1893	4,223.19
Church History, Oct. 1, 1893	2,000.75
Wm. A. Wilt, Oct. 1, 1893	833.33
Sacred Rhetoric, Oct. 1, 1893	90.00
	$108,475.35

All of which is respectfully presented.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*,

LANCASTER, Sept. 22, 1893.

Theological Seminary Building Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

1892. DR.

Dec.	1.	For Cash rec'd of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Eastern Synod	$385.72
1893.			
April	4.	For cash rec'd of Eastern Synod	$5,000.00
"	4.	" " " "	760.60
"	4.	" " " "	575.00
"	7.	" " " "	4,153.68
			$10,875.00

1893. CR.

April	7.	By account paid Edward Wiley, executor of W. B. Wiley, deceased	$8,240.00
"	7.	By account paid John F. and Jacob Griel, executors of Jacob Griel, deceased	2,635.00
"	8.	By account paid purchase price of ground	$10,875.00

1893. DR.

or amount rec'd of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Eastern Synod from May 23, 1893 to Sept. 2, 1893	12,464.13

CR.

By sundry payments made by Sept. 1, 1893, as per orders from J. C. Bausman, D. D., Chairman of Building Committee	12,360.45
Balance on hand	$103.68

To Sept. 11, 1893.

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH.

LANCASTER, Sept. 22, 1893.

C.—Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with CHAS. G. FISHER, ***Treasurer.***

1892. CR.

Oct. 1. By balance in Treasury	$332.03
By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of E. Pennsylvania Classis	640.00
" " I. G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis	600.91
" " Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis	300.00
" " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis	289.08
" " John B. Roth, Treas. of Theo. Sem. int. from Smaltz Fund	275.00
" " " " " " " Klopp Legacy	40.00
" " J. J. Nissley, Treas. of Eastern Synod, int. from Gerhart Legacy	6.00
" " J. W. Wetzel, Esq., int. from Braught Legacy	150.00
" " Interest on Loans	561.76
" " J. K. Funck, Treas. of St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.	50.00
" " Rev. J. D. Detrich, from St. Luke's Reformed Church, North Wales	15.00
" " H. M. Kieffer, D. D., from Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, Pa.	100.00
" " C. J. Musser, from Church of Ascension, Norristown, Pa	32.70
" " E. I. Santee, from Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia	41.07
" " E. O. Nottestein, Esq., refunded	100.00
" " Rev. G. H. Schwedes, refunded	50.00
Total	$3,583.55

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To Cash Paid Beneficiaries of East Penna. Classis	$640.00
" " " " Lancaster Classis	289.08
" " " " Lehigh Classis	300.00
" " " " Tohickon Classis	600.91

To Cash Paid Beneficiaries on Smaltz Fund	425.00	
" " " " Braught Fund	150.00	
" " " " General Fund	810.00	
" " " of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	50.00	
" " Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D. as Secretary, salary	20.00	
To expense of Treasurer to Lancaster	2.25	
Balance in Treasury	296.31	$3,583.55

This certifies that the undersigned has examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and that he has found it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

D.—The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church.

REVEREND BRETHREN: According to instructions the undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the year 1892–93.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1892, the following young men, eighteen in number, were admitted as students into the Junior Class: Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, J. Calvin Bolger, Harry W. Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegass, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerny Weber and Harry W. Wissler.

Of this number twelve are regular graduates; seven of Franklin and Marshall College, two of Heidelberg University, one of Calvin College, one of Bethany College, and one of BaltimoreCity College. Of the remainder, two are graduates of State Normal Schools, three who had pursued a practical course, one from the Keystone Normal School, one from Mercersburg College, one from Palatinate College, and one from Franklin and Marshall Academy. All the members of the class, however, graduates and non-graduates, without any exception, pursued the regular course of study, prescribed by the Synod, in the Seminary.

To the Middle Class two new students were admitted: James Riley Bergey, regularly dismissed from the Theological Department of Ursinus College, and Anselm V. Hiester, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and a student of Union Seminary, New York City. Christopher Noss was dismissed to Union Seminary, but with

the intention of returning and pursuing the studies of the Senior Class in the Seminary at Lancaster. John W. Buck, at the instance of the Board and Faculty, suspended his studies in the Seminary for the present, with the view of pursuing a preparatory course of studies in Palatinate College for the space of two years. With these changes the Middle Class consists of the same number of students, twenty-three in all, as reported to the Synod one year ago.

The Senior Class was enlarged by the addition of one new member, Mr. Carl F. Dewitz, who presented a regular dismission from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The members of this class, twenty-three in number, having completed the course of studies prescribed by the Synod, and having, moreover, sustained a satisfacory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the year, and awarded the usual testimonial to that effect, at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles C. Clark, Carl F. Dewitz, Samuel H. Dietzel, George A. Dreibelbies, Lawrence S. Faust, David H. Fouse, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William Henry Landis, George E. Limbert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Moyer, John N. Naly, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes and William B. Werner.

Thus there were sixty-four students connected with the institution during the last year, four more than during the preceding year, and a gratifying increase over the number in attendance during any previous year. The examinations, oral and written, together with the sermons of the Seniors, were satisfactory; the professors endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities; and as it regards the Christian conduct of the students and their industry in the prosecution of their studies, there is no room for complaint. As reported last year, they continued to be active in Sunday-school and Mission work, and the more advanced among them in preaching the gospel in different places as supplies for vacant pulpits, so far as their other duties allowed. As usual, several of the students were under the necessity of absenting themselves from the Seminary during a part of their time, in order to replenish their financial resources by engaging in teaching school. This is a matter for regret. There ought to be no necessity of this kind. The churches should be ready in all such cases to supply students with means whereby they may be able to pursue their calling without interruption.

Following the Class of 1892 which established the Prize Essay in Sacred Rhetoric, the Class of 1893, with the approbation of the Faculty and the Board, agreed to create a fund of at least five hundred dollars, the interest of which shall each year be awarded to that member of the Middle Class who upon being examined before three judges shall by them be pronounced the best *Hebrew Scholar* and Old Testament *Exegete*. The Prize shall be called "*The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew.*"

It is recommended that the services of the teacher of elocution, which as in previous years were satisfactory, be retained for another year. In that event, it will be incumbent on the Eastern Synod to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the sum of $100, the same as in former years, to pay the salary of the Professor.

It may be proper for us here to add that the new building for the use of the Seminary is in process of erection, and that when completed it will without any doubt present a fine appearance. The success of this movement thus far has been a matter of surprise to many of us, who were apprehensive that the Church would not respond to a sufficient extent in furnishing the funds needed for the erection of such an edifice as seemed to be required in the circumstances. But up to this time they have exceeded expectations. For the want of funds, however, the foundations of the Library Hall, which is to be an annex to the main building, have not as yet been laid, and in that direction there is a somewhat embarrassing delay. But it is hoped that there will not be a long delay in finishing that building also. It is an object worthy of the attention of the members of the Church generally, and of such especially as are furnished with worldly means. It invites them now to come forward with thier gifts, and generously assist in completing the noble structure whose cornerstone was laid last June, at the Commencement of the College.

The Board of Visitors have endeavored to discharge their duties in the supervision of the Seminary during another year, and now, in conclusion, we deem it to be our duty to say, with some degree of emphasis, that the increasing prosperity of our Seminary and other schools of learning at Lancaster is truly a matter which should call forth devout gratitude to God in all our churches for His blessings on the work of our hands. Founded in great weakness, by the fathers in the exercise of faith, hope and prayer, they are becoming more and more fruitful with each revolving year. With increasing facilities for the supply of our vacant congregation and our far-extend-

ing missionary fields with ministers of the Gospel, it is scarcely necessary for us to say that all alike, ministers and members, should be encouraged to go forward with fresh zeal in extending the Kingdom of Christ here on earth. Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL.

E.—Report of the Committee to Collect Funds for the Erection of a Building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The chairman of your committee to collect funds for the erection of a building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully presents the following report of the work done during the Synodical year, by the committee and by himself as superintendent of the canvass.

As soon as possible after the adjournment of Synod, last fall, your superintendent attempted to put the canvass under more thorough organization, by the appointment of assistants in the Classes. These were generally the Chairmen of the Classical Committees on Seminary Building Fund. They were to carry on the canvass in their respective Classes and report monthly to the superintendent, the names of the subscribers with the amounts subscribed, and the time when the subscriptions become due. Besides these assistants, efficient canvassers were secured, who were ready to go wherever their services were desired.

Your chairman and a member of Synods Committee opened the campaign, but exposure to inclement weather soon laid both of them off. The direction of the work was however maintained uninterruptedly. The brethren, who consented to work did nobly, and the church owes them a great debt of gratitude.

With few exceptions the Classical Committeemen and other assistants failed to report to the superintendent, and as a consequence he was not in a position to superintend the work, and is not now able to report as definitely as he would wish to do.

Accordiug to the data obtainable subscriptions have been made in the following Classes in the amounts given:

Lehigh Classis	$4,000.00
East Pennsylvania Classis	18,100.00
Tohickon Classis	5,107.00
Schuylkill Classis	7,521.62
Lebanon Classis	2,000.00

Philadelphia Classis	$8,230.00
Lancaster Classis	12,108.00
West Susquehanna Classis	2,510.00
East Susquehanna Classis	500.00
Goshenhoppen Classis	387.51
Total Subscription	$44,174.13

As far as I am able to ascertain, the following amounts have been paid:

Lehigh Classis	$2,140.00
East Pennsylvania Classis	1,320.00
Tohickon Classis	2,232.20
Schuylkill Classis	1.952.45
Lebanon Classis	734.50
Philadelphia Classis	3,526.72
Lancaster Classis	10,532.74
West Susquehanna Classis	2,585.00
East Susquehanna Classis	306.75
Goshenhoppen Classis	387.51
Total receipts	$25,717.87

Leaving a balance of unpaid subscriptions to the amount of $18,-456.26. When these are, or were due, I am not able to say. In most cases, the pastors have agreed to collect them. The Building Committee, as will appear in their report, are greatly in need of this money.

Your superintendent has no suggestions to offer, as to the further prosecution of this work, only that if it so pleases the Synod he would like to be relieved from further responsibility in connection with it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER,

Chairman of Committee and Superintendent of Canvass.

COLUMBIA, PA., October 18, 1893.

F.—Report of Theological Seminary Building Committee.

To the Eastern Spnod:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary Building beg leave to submit the following report:

Shortly after the close of the last annual meeting of Synod your Committee met in the city of Lancaster, and was organized by the election of Prof. John C. Bowman, as chairman, and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, as secretary.

A special committee consisting of Messrs. John D. Skiles, B. Wolff, Jr. and Prof. John C. Bowman was appointed and authorized o purchase suitable ground as a site for the new buildings.

In the month of January of this year the plot of ground situated on the southeast corner of West James street and College avenue, comprising between three and four acres, was purchased of the Griel estate for the sum of $10,875. The sale was confirmed by the Court, and during the first week of April the deed was executed in favor of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. The total amount of purchase money was subscribed by citizens of Lancaster city and county.

At a meeting of the committee held in January, a special committee composed of Revs. Pannebecker, Bowman aud Mr. Forney was appointed to engage competent architects to submit competitive designs for a main building and library building.

Six prominent architects submitted designs, all of which after careful inspection were rejected by the committee. Three of the six architects, whose work showed special merit, were requested to enter into competiiion a second time. They acceded to the request and submitted duplicate designs. The result was the choice of the design prepared by John C. Smith (F. A. I. A.), of Harrisburg.

The contract for the construction of the main building was given to John Evans & Son, of Lancaster, Pa., and the brownstone work to the Hummelstown Brownstone Company.

The ceremony of ground.breaking took place May 11th in connection with the Seminary Commencement Exercises. Addresses were delivered on the occasion by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D. and Hon. Marriott L. Brosius, of Lancaster city.

The corner-stone laying took place on the 15th of June. The act of laying the stone was performed by Mr. Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, and the addresses of the occasion were delivered by Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

The work of construction has gone forward uninterruptedly to the present time; and the building, in accordance with the terms of the contract, will probably be under roof by the 1st of December. If the funds be provided as the payments became due, the building will be fully completed by the 1st of next May.

As $15,000 in addition to the present subscription list will be needed to complete and furnish the main building your committee would request that the Synod take such action as shall enable the

committee to complete their work within the time specified by the contract.

It is with profound regret that your committee report that the construction of the Library Building has been delayed on account of the deficiency in the subscription list.

The imperative need of a Library Building is set forth in the booklet recently published by the Chairman of the Committee, which is herewith presented for the consideration of the Synod.

Mr. P. C. Wiest, the representative of the Potomac Synod, shortly after his appointment, resigned his position as a member of the Building Committee, on account of prolonged absence from his home. In his stead Mr. S. N. Hench, of York, was appointed by the committee, which appointment is referred to the Synod for confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

II. Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Report on the Theological Seminary was considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to offer the following report: The following papers were placed into our hands:

(1.) The report of the Board of Visitors; (2.) The report of the Trustees; (3.) The report of the Treasurer; (4.) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; (5.) The report of the Committee to Collect Funds for the Erection of a Seminary Building; (6.) The report of the Building Committee; (7.) A booklet entitled "The Need of a Library Building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.," by Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D.; (8.) A catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary.

From these documents we have gleaned the following facts to which we call the attention of Synod:

(1.) From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1892, eighteen young men were admitted to the Junior Class; that the Middle Class consisted of twenty-three members; and that at the end of the year the students of the Senior Class, twenty-three in number, having com-

pleted the full course of study, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, were regularly dismissed to enter upon the active duties of tbe holy ministry. Thus there were sixty-four students connected with the institution during the last year, being four more than during the preceding year, and a gratifying increase over the number in attendance during any previous year. The Professors have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of their sacred and responsible duties, and the students have manifested a proper appreciation of their privileges. The Class of 1893 has undertaken to establish a prize, to be known as *The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew.*

(2.) From the report of the Board of Trustees we learn that three meetings were held dnriug the year by said Board. Appropriate action was taken on the death of the former President, George W. Hensel. The action of the Building Committee in purchasing ground on which to erect the Seminary Building, the amount paid being $10,875, was ratified and approved. The officers of the Board were instructed to seal the amendments to the Charter and execute all necessary instruments to secure the said amendments. A liberal donation of $15,680, the interest of which is to be used to defray the contingent expenses of the Seminary, was thankfully received from Mr. John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa.

(3.) From the report of the Treasurer we learn (1.) That on September 22, 1893, there was a balance due the Treasurer of $325.24; (2.) There are funds in his hands to the amount of $108,579.05; of which $94,508.12 is endowment; $5,000 is the Smaltz Fund; $1,819.96 is the Library Fund; $4,223.19 is the Pittsburgh Professorship Fund; $2,000.75 is the Church History Fund; $832.33 is the Wm. A. Wilt Fund; $90 the Sacred Rhetoric Fund, and $103.68 the Seminary Building Fund.

(4.) The Synod is overtured by the Board of Visitors to again contribute $100 toward the payment of the salary of the teacher of elocution in the Seminary during the coming year.

(5.) From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education it appears that the receipts for the past year have been $3,583.55; expenditures $3,287.24, leaving a balance in hand of $296.31.

(6.) The committee to collect funds for the erection of the Seminary Building reports: Amount subscribed, $44,174.13; amount paid in, $25,717.87. The Chairman desires to be relieved from serving any longer on the Committee.

(7.) The Building Committee reports that in January, 1893, a

suitable plot of ground, comprisiug between three and four acres, was purchased for $10,875; that the services of Mr. John C. Smith were secured as architect; that ground was broken on May 11; that the corner-stone was laid on the 15th of June; that the work of construction has gone forward uninterruptedly to the present time; that in accordance with the terms of the contract the Building will be under roof by the 1st of December, and that if the funds are provided as the payments become due, the building will be fully completed by the 1st of May, 1894. As $15,000 in addition to the amount already subscribed will be needed to complete and furnish the Main Building, the committee requests Synod to take such action as will enable the committee to complete their work within the time specified by the contract. The committee regrets that the construction of the Library Building has been delayed on account of the deficiency in the subscription list.

(8.) The booklet by Prof. Bowman emphasizes in a most forcible manner the necessity of a Library Building.

(9.) The united catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary reminds us of the joint claim of both in. stitutions on the prayers, the sympathy and liberality of this Synod.

In view of the facts thus set forth, your committee recommends the following resolutions for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1. That Synod assume the sum of $100, to be apportioned among the Classes, towards the payment of the salary of the teacher of elocution in the Seminary.

Resolved, 2. That Synod is gratified to learn that a third prize, to be known as the *Centennial Prize Class in Hebrew*, has been established by the members of the Class of '93.

Resolved, 3. That we have heard with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction of the encouraging success of the committee appointed to collect funds for the erection of the Seminary Building.

Resolved, 4. That the Superintendent of this committee be instructed to so organize and conduct the work of canvassing that it be completed, if possible, by the 1st of May, 1894, and that the Chairman of the Building Committee be associated with him in the prosecution of the work.

Resolved, 5. That the Classical Committees, and especially the pastors and consistories of uncanvassed charges, be urged, through the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Building Committee, to give to the movement their prompt and active support.

Resolved, 6. That the Building Committee be instructed to complete both the Main and Library Buildings in ample time for occupancy by students and professors at the opening of the next Seminary year.

Resolved, 7. That the Building Committee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to effect all necessary loans to meet payments as they become due.

Resolved, 8. That Synod heartily approves and commends the plan of securing funds to cover the cost of the Library Building, which plan is set forth in the booklet published by Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D., and expresses the earnest hope that in the near future from fifteen to twenty persons may be found, within the bounds of the Church, who will deem it a privilege to join the list of $1,000 subscribers, which has so encouragingly opened.

Resolved, 9. That Synod expresses its high appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, who desires to be relieved from serving any longer on the committee, and that we reluctantly grant his request.

Resolved, 10. That the Rev. C. J. Musser be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Resolved, 11. That we gratefully acknowledge the blessing of God in the increasing prosperity of the Seminary and the College, both institutions having this year the largest number of students of any time in their history.

Resolved, 12. That whereas, by the voluntary action of this Synod, Franklin and Marshall College has become the joint possession of the three Eastern English Synods, we recognize the responsibility which rests upon the Church to make this College equal to the best in the land, and that we call upon the members of this Synod, and invite the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods to join, so soon as the Seminary Building is completed, in a movement to secure the largely increased endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved, 13. That the Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary be received with thanks and placed in the archives of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa., Jno. B. Roth, Lancaster; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. Santee, Philadelphia; Geo. G. Heilman, Heilman's Dale, Pa; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.; Dr. Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; Jno. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Geo N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; H. Wirt Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; S. Nevin Hensch, York, Pa.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Jacob H. Cort, Hagerstown, Md.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; C. W. Truxal, Meyersdale, Pa.; P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod. Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; S. G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; Jno. P. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. Edw. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; Jacob O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa.; Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Albert E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.; A. J. Heller, Berlin, Pa.

Acceptance of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., of the Professorship of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary.

To Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., *President of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

Dear Brother: After mature and earnest deliberation I have concluded to accept your call to the Professorship of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. This conclusion has not been reached without much hesitation and doubt. I am deeply impressed with the solemn responsibility of the position to which I am called, especially at this difficult and critical period in the history of Christianity; and I venture to assume this responsibility only in deference to the judgment and voice of the Synod so unanimously expressed in their vote and in reliance upon the divine direction and aid.

I will be ready to assume the duties of the office at such time as the Synod of Pittsburgh, through its committee, or otherwise, shall direct.

Trusting that I shall always enjoy the support and sympathy of the members of the Synod which you represent, I remain

Yours in Christ,

WM. RUPP.

MEYERSDALE, PA., July 24, 1893.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States From September 1st, 1892, to September 1st, 1893.

To the English Synods:

BRETHREN:—From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the Church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the year past.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the Church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results, that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had but entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different Synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated, and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim, most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of His vineyard who are faithful in the discharge of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that as a general thing our missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors

abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be very greatly extended had the Board the means at hand. So far the Board has had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the Church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the Mission work.

Self-Supporting.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of Missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel the more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O.; Scottdale, Pa.; Salem, Ore.; Stafford, Ore.; Timberville, Va.; West Rowan, N. C.; and Williamsport, Pa., have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support, and we confidently expect them to become independent of the Board in the near future.

New Fields.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last Annual Report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these, the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich,; Massillon, O.; Apollo, Pa.; Grove City, Pa.; Chicago, Ill.; Columbus Junction, Ia.; Tyrone, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; West Philadelphia and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grove City, Pa,; and Massillon, O., do not go into operation until October 1, 1893, although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these new fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so is simply impossible. Youngstown, Ohio, has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but the lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

The Hungarian Work.

In this work we now have three missionaries. The third missionary arrived lately in this country, in the person of Licentiate Frank Fresencli. He will soon be ordained by the Allegheny Classis, and will be placed in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. This will enable Brother Kovacs to visit points in the East and South (as the Board has ordered him to do) with a view to open up additional fields for work among the Hungarians. Brother Jarany, of Cleveland, is arranging for the erection of a church in that city, but the stringency of the times is interfering very much with this enterprise. Upon the whole the work is progressing as well as could be expected under the present unsettled conditoon of the country. It affords us great pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Mr. Hanna, of that city, has given $500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the sum of $2,500 be apportioned upon the Synods for this work for the ensuing year, as follows:

Eastern Synod,	$1,000
Potomac "	300
Ohio "	250
Central "	200
Northwestern Synod,	300
Pittsburgh Synod,	275
German Synod of East,	100
Interior Synod,	75
Total,	$2,500

With this sum, it is believed the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third missionary.

Church Extension.

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our Church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of $500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a church property was purchased in St. Joseph, Mo., at a cost of $4,750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of $3,300.

Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is $2,750. But in order to meet payments in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset to this debt we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the spring have come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board cannot assist any other fields until this indebtedness is canceled. The Synods will do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more worthy, and none that will help so much to extend the Church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

The Needs of the Board.

It was very much feared that the Board would find a shortage at the close of the quarter ending September 30th, 1893, because of the stringency of the times and from the fact, also, that during this quarter many of the pastors are absent from their charges. But we are gratified to state that when the Executive Committee met on October 3d there was a shortage ot only a few hundred dollars. But some may blame the Board for enrolling so many Missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfill our contract with them. In order to do this it is necessary for the Church to stand by the Board. Times are hard, we are told—true, and for that very reason it is a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension and Harbor Missions. If the Church fails to provide these funds the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1st, 1894, the Board must have at least $40,000 for Missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large; that no such appropriations should have been made. But the Synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll Missions when possible—and now let the Church stand manfully by it so that it can meet its obligations.

Funds Needed.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of $40,000 for Missions direct. When the Missions are fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee, at its meeting in Pittsburgh on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and requested that the following apportionments be made for the year from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895:

Eastern Synod,	$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburgh "	4,500
Interior "	1,500
Total	$40,000

Considering the increase of membership, these are but little larger than were asked of these Synods in past years.

In addition to the above the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of *five cents* per member be apportioned for the Cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate, yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions), do not reach quite *thirty-one* cents per member. This is certainly a small sum for a member of the church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

Additional Funds.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year, generally under the name of the 1000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in the apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the Synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time, the Board and the Church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

Miscellaneous.

The Synods will notice that the officers of the Board are Rev. J. A. Peters, *President;* Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice-President;*

Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Secretary;* Elder J. T. Reber, *Treasurer*, and Elder C. M. Boush, *Treasurer* of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the Missions are all supplied with earnest pastors, with two exceptions, and these two have prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our missionaries are paid up in full to July 1, 1893.

Special Notice.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the plan of unification.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

II. Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the Year Ending October 1, 1893.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting our report for the Synodical year, we again call your attention to the fact that part of the subject matter given in former reports is now given in the report of the General Board, and therefore need not be repeated here.

The supervision of the missions within your bounds has received the careful attention of your Board, and with gratitude to Almighty God, we report the work in good condition. During the Synodical year the following missions became self-supporting: Lock Haven, Pa., West Rowan, N. C., and Salem, Ore.; and the following were enrolled: Calvary and Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa., Tyrone, Pa., and Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa. The mission at Burlington, N. C., was dropped from the roll. We begin the new Synodical year with thirty-four missions on the roll, fifteen of which are in the Eastern Synod and nineteen in the Potomac Synod.

As will be seen from the treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you, our income for the year is somewhat larger than last year; and although the cry of hard times has been heard throughout the land, the Synods will be glad to hear that our missionaries have thus

far been promptly paid in full every quarter; and now we earnestly beg the Church to stand by the Board during the coming year which may possibly be a trying period in benevolent finances.

We are glad to report also, after an experience of eighteen months since the transfer of our work to the General Board, that the present plan of carrying forward the work is satisfactory to both Boards.

We can report also that we are learning to do larger things. The Board finds it necessary to loan to some of the missions unusually large sums, as in the case of Scranton, Pa., where we loaned $2,500, and in the case of St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md., where we placed six Church-building Funds ($3,000), and in the case of Roanoke, Va., where we are about to invest $3,000.

This leads us to say that while our Church-building Funds have proved most helpful, and while we greatly appreciate the kind giving which has enabled the Board to start work which must otherwise have remained undone, it is proper to add that our necessities have not been met by these Funds on hand; and the Board was therefore obliged in the case of Scranton, Pa., and of Roanoke, Va., to call in some investments of the Board for the purchase of lots, as the treasurer reports in detail.

It gives us great pleasure to add that several Church-building Funds are now being raised, namely, one by the Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis, one by the Juniata Classical Missionary Society, one by the West Susquehanna Classis, and one by the Woman's Missionary Society of Wyoming Classis; and it is an encouragement to know also that a beginning has been made in the payment of the Funds loaned to two missions in Baltimore, Md.

Some months ago, convinced that a German Board can carry forward German missions better than an English Board, we recommended to the German Board the transfer of our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, guaranteeing their full support for six years. The General Board approved this recommendation and appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the German Board. The committee met in Reading, Pa., in May last. The proposed terms were carefully discussed, and also the difficulties as well as the advantages of the transfer; and the German brethren expressed a willingness to report to their Board in favor of the transfer. But we regret to say that no reply has yet been made to our overture.

The Synod of the Potomac will please note that the term of Rev.

T. J. Barkley and Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., as members of the Board of Missions, expires with this meeting of Synod.

The Eastern Synod will please note that according to its rule the term of all its members in the Board of Missions expires with this meeting of Synod, namely: Rev. E. N. Kremer, Rev. T. O. Stem, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Elder J. J. Nissley and Elder D. S. Keller.

As the term of office of Superintendent A. C. Whitmer expires January 1st, 1894, and as (under the terms of agreement in the transfer of your missions to the General Board) the Synods now only nominate the Superintendent, we hereby respectfully recommend to you the nomination of Rev. A. C. Whitmer for this office.

We close our report with thanksgiving to God for His continued blessings upon the work committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892.	DR.		
Sept. 26.	To balance in Treasury ($166.94 being for Hungarian Missions.)		$1,750.96

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,900.03	
Tohickon Classis	849.54	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,362.71	
East Pennsylvania Classis	750.00	
Lebanon Classis	1,392.37	
Schuylkill Classis	2,525.85	
Lancaster Classis	812.92	
East Susquehanna Classis	795.50	
West Susquehanna Classis	966.12	
Lehigh Classis	1,520.61	
Wyoming Classis	735.81	$13,611.46

Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	$1,480.91	
Mercersburg Classis	793.16	
Juniata Classis	951.72	
Carlisle Classis	507.94	
Zion's Classis	990.80	
Gettysburg Classis	501.00	
North Carolina Classis	202.42	
Portland, Oregon, Classis	50.00	$5,477.95

Intere t on Loans.

Interest on Gerhart legacy	$12.00	
" from Maryland Classis	30.00	
" Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas	90.00	
" Hutchinson loan	57.00	
" Spangler legacy	62.50	
" Seidel loan	150.00	
" Devor "	25.00	
" Abilene, Kansas	45.00	
" Sophia Grove	120.00	
" Mrs. Fremell	198.00	
" Kunkel loan	42.50	
" Loan to General Board	65.00	$897.00

Miscellaneous Sources.

Women's Missionary Society Synod for Steelton, Pa.	$300.00
" " " Philadelphia Classis	25.00
Dr. Riley, pastor Ridgely, Md.	5.00
Rev. Atville Connor, Glade charge	5.00
Miss Emma Gasser, Lancaster, Pa.	5.00
Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Heller's Church	3.46
Rev. C. J. Musser, Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa.	251.00
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	10.00
John Kremer, Treasurer, Harrisburg, Pa.	3.42
Mrs. M. A. Weist, Treas. Sunday-school, New Holland, Pa.	5.72
Rev. M. H. Bensinger, Treasurer, Fleetwood, Pa.	20.00
Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, for Hazleton, Pa.	5.00
Wm. Euker, Ridgely, Md.	20.50
Congregation and Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.	175.75
Rev. G. Gradel and others, Ballard, Washington	10.50
Member of the New Holland, Pa., charge	16.61
Member of the Broadheadsville, Pa., charge	20.00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	25.00
Sunday-school Missionary Society Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia	100.00
Sunday-school Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia	14.30
Women's Missionary Society, Upton, Pa.	20.00

N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	$10.00	
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	6.46	
Women's Missionary Society, General Synod for Steelton, Pa.	300.00	
Centennial offering of First Church, York, Pa.	66.22	
Henry Brooke Parvin	5.00	
Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, memorial offering	8.00	
Sunday-school, Shepherdstown, West Virginia	15.00	
" New Holland, Pa., Easter offering	1.75	$1,453.69

Hungarian Missions.

Maryland Classis	$72.00	
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	11.00	
First and second quarterly payments, Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	150.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	380.40	$613.40

Harbor Missions.

Rev. F. A. Rupley, D. D., Treasurer Juniata Classis	$5.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	141.50	$146.50
		$23,950.96

Disbursements.

Paid Chas. Santee, Treasurer of General Board	$12,467.93	
" James T. Reber, Treasurer of General Board	6,945.88	$19,413.81
" for support of certain ministers		$755.00
" salary of W. H. Seibert, former Treasurer	$75.00	
" under-credit in payment to Rev. Weber	25.00	$100.00
" Chas. Santee, Treasurer for Hungarian Missions	$501.13	
" James T. Reber, " " " "	279.21	780.34
" " " " " Harbor "	50.00	
" Chas. Santee, " " " "	96.50	$146.50
" Traveling expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc,		331.63
" salaries of Secretary and Treasurer		150.00
Oct. 2, 1893. Balance in Treasury		2,273.68
		$23,950.96

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD,
ELLIS N. KREMER.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 2, 1893.

For Church Building.

Sept. 26, 1892. Balance in Treasury		$3,187.38
Eastern Synod.		
JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, contributed by following Classes.*		
Tohickon Classis	$176.62	
Goshenhoppen Classis	183.00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	105.00	
Lebanon Classis	139.70	
Schuylkill Classis	256.02	
Lancaster Classis	95.00	
East Susquehanna Classis	151.55	
Lehigh Classis	233.38	$1,340.27
Potomac Synod.		
Juniata Classis	$227.31	
Carlisle Classis	75.34	
Zion's Classis	23.00	
Gettysburg Classis	107.00	
Portland-Oregon, Classis	15.25	$447.90
Church-building Funds.		
Woman's Missionary Society, East Penna. Classis Fund	$174.66	
Tohickon Classis Fund	68.07	
Henry Gable Fund	500.00	
Women's Missionary Society, Wyoming Classis Fund	141.24	
Catechumen's Fund	42.60	$926.57
For Roanoke Missions.		
Moore Township Charge	$10.00	
Women's Missionary Society, St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.	23.40	$33.40
Miscellaneous Sources.		
From Belleman's Church for Ness. Co., Missouri, Kansas		$22.00
" Mrs. Rev. A. B. Shenkle		25.00
Loans Repaid.		
Maryland Classis, 2d payment on 2d mortgage Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.	$150.00	
J. C. Leonard et al., note paid	200.00	
Harry C. Devor, mortgage	1,900.00	
Geo. Z. Kunkel	2,000.00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on account of mortgage	200.00	
Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas, on account of mortgage	200.00	
Maryland Classis, 4th payment on account of $850 Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.	150.00	
Eastern Synod, on account of Bond	21.45	$4,821.45
		$10,803.97

Disbursements.

Paid Rev. Lewis Reiter for Roanoke Mission	$113.50	
" " " " "	33.40	
" pledge to St. Luke's Mission Lancaster, Pa.	50.00	
" loan to St. Stephen's Reformed Church Baltimore, Md.	3,000.00	
" to complete the Tohickon Classis Church-building Fund	18.07	
" Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.	34.53	
" loan to General Board	2,200.00	
" First Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	1,000.00	
" East Susquehanna Classis for Tower City, Pa. . . .	150.00	
" loan to Calvary Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa. . .	2,500.00	
" St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md.	300.00	
" for lot in Astoria, Oregon	1,000.00	$10,399.50
" Rev. H. W. Bates, Johnstown		1.00
" Rev. D. B. Shuey for "Ness." County Mission . .		22.00
Oct. 2, 1893. Balance in Treasury		381.47
		$10,803.97

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893.

We, the undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD,
ELLIS N. KREMER.

LANCASTER, Oct. 2, 1893.

IV. Secretary's Report—Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of our foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our Triennial Report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply to refer you to that report. Since the rendering of that report, our two schools in Sendai have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever.

But happily, the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to over work. The Board has frequently apprised the Church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful missionaries to this wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response of the home Church. Dear brethren, shall we sacrifice the health, and possibly the lives, of our beloved brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available if self-denying effort were employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of our Mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God, for the surprising blessings and success with which He had crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our Church was not responding in the measure in which He had given her the ability. It therefore solemnly resolved that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions, that she might do her part in answer to the leadings of divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at $35,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each District Synod to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a *tentative* measure, indicating how much each Synod *ought* to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows:

Eastern Synod	$15,000
Ohio Synod	3,300
Synod of the Northwest	3,200
Pittsburgh Synod	2,600
German Synod of the East	2,500
Central Synod	3,100
Interior Synod	200

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our Church, but we submit that our Church has not been responding in a just measure of her ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions as perhaps some of our

ministers have considered them; and that to an intelligent, instructive and earnest presentation of the claims of Foreign Mission our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 24, 1893. *Secretary.*

V. Communication from Synod of Potomac.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

WHEREAS, The debt of the Board of Foreign Missions has now assumed very grave proportions, and is becoming a burden impossible to carry any longer without peril; and

WHEREAS, The contributions coming in from the churches in support of Foreign Missions are insufficient to meet the running expenses of the Board, thus adding to the debt already incurred. Therefore

Resolved, That it is necessary for the church to take special measures to raise money to relieve the Board of this debt.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to appoint a self-denial week, during which the members of our church, by special acts of self-restraint make an effort to save a part of their income which is to be devoted to the payment of the debt.

Resolved, That in order that the whole church may coöperate in this effort, the Eastern Synod be requested to take action in accordance with that taken by the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, That the appointment of the particular week to be known as self-denial week, together with the ways and means of awakening the interest of our people, be confided to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Given by order of the Synod of the Potomac, this 20th day of October, A. D. 1893. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk, Synod of Potomac.*

VI. The Report on Missions.

The Committee on Missions read its report on Monday, during the afternoon session. The report was taken up item by item, and adopted finally as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Missions respectfully reports the following documents have been placed in its hands:

1. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.

2. The report of the Board representing the Eastern and Potomac Synods, together with the report of the Treasurer of said Board.

3. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

4. An overture from the Potomac Synod in reference to the appointment of "A Self-Denial Week." From an examination of these several reports, we learn that our missionary operations, both in the home and foreign fields, are being carried forward with commendable zeal, and that the labors of our missionaries have been greatly blessed by the Great Head of the Church. We recommend that the following action be taken:

1. That the sum of $17,000 be apportioned upon the several Classes for the furtherance of the work under the care of the General Board.

2. That the sum of five cents per member be apportioned upon the several Classes for the furtherance of church building, and that the amount raised be equally divided between the General Board and the Board which represents the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

3. That the sum of $1,000 be apportioned upon the several Classes for the support of the Hungarian Missions.

4. That Rev. A. C. Whitmer be nominated as Superintendent of Missions.

5. That the sum of $15,000 be apportioned upon the several Classes for the support of Foreign Missions in accordance with the recommendations of the General Synod at its last meeting.

6. That in respect to the overture from the Potomac Synod the propriety and desirability of appointing a week for the exercise of self-denial in the interest of the payment of the debt resting upon the Board be referred to the consideration of the Board of Missions with power to act in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman.*

All the items pertaining to apportionments were referred to the Committee on Finance. Rev. A. C. Whitmer was nominated for the position of Superintendent of Missions of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to communicate the fact to the Mission Board of the General Synod. The following persons were elected as members of the Board of the Reformed Church in the United States: Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., E. N. Kremer, Thos. J. Hacker, H. M. Kieffer, D. D., T. O. Stem; Elders John J. Nissley and C. M. Bower, Esq.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received. The Report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the item in the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod declaring a vacancy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees would beg leave to offer the following report:

1. The Treasurer of Synod submitted his report to the Board, at Reading, October 16, 1893. It was carefully examined, vouchers compared and found correct.

There remains in his hands an unexpended balance, viz.:

Contingent Fund, General Synod	$45.71
" " Eastern "	995.82
Bohemian Church Aid	10.03
	$1,041.66

2. Bohemian Church Aid is now discontinued. The approved method allows money to be paid only to the object for which it was contributed. We therefore ask Synod to designate the objects to which this balance shall be applied.

3. The Board as now constituted consists of the following persons: Hon. George D. Stitzel, Reading, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1894;

Rev. H. Mosser, Reading, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1895; Rev. W. J. Johnson, Lebanon, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1896; Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1897; Rev. Thos. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1898.

4. The term of office of Hon. G. D. Stitzel expires Jan. 1, 1894. According to the provision of the Charter, we nominate as suitable candidates the following persons: Elder D. N. Schaeffer, Reading, Pa.; Elder D. B. Mauger, Douglassville, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *President of the Board.*

READING, Oct. 17, 1893.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Contingent Fund General Synod.

DR.

From Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis		$82.00	
" " A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis		33.00	
" " Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis		43.05	
" Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod		75.52	$233.57

CR.

April 17.	Paid C. G. Gross, Tr. General Synod	$187.86	
Oct. 13.	Balance in Treasury	45.71	$233.57

Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.

DR.

1892.			
Oct. 15.	To balance in Treasury	$852.15	
" 15.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis	114.00	
" 15.	" Jacob K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis	95.65	
" 15.	" H. C. Hoover, Tr. Philadelphia Classis	73.00	
" 15.	" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis	72.00	
" 15.	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis	32.05	
" 15.	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. Classis	64.00	
" 15.	" Isaac G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis	97.00	
" 15.	" Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis	114.00	
" 15.	" " Jno. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis	151.00	
" 15.	" " A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis	42.80	
" 15.	" D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis	96.00	$1,803.65

CR.

Oct. 17.	Paid Rev. O. P. Steckel, traveling expenses . .	$2.68	
" 17.	" " W. J. Johnson, " " . .	1.94	
" 23.	" " S. G. Wagner, Chairman Committee to effect legal change in Charter of Franklin and Marshall College and Seminary	21.07	
Oct. 27.	Paid Rev. J. W. Meminger, use of church and sexton's services, meeting of Synod at Lancaster	20.00	
Oct. 28.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk to December 31, 1892	150.00	
Nov. 3.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, balance of loan for Wichita University	264.00	
Dec. 28.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk, printing, postage, etc.	39.10	
1893.			
Feb. 2.	Paid Reformed Publishing House, printing Minutes of Synod	226.91	
April 17.	Paid Contingent expenses General Synod . .	75.52	
June 16.	" Rev. D. E. Schoedler's expenses as Counsel in Appeal of Philadelphia Classis before General Synod	6.61	
Oct. 13.	Balance in Treasury	995.82	$1,803.65

Seminary and Gerhart Funds.

DR.

To cash from T. P. Frantz, Treasurer, 12 months' interest on Cook legacy	$60.00	
To 12 months' interest on Harrisburg bonds, Gerhart legacy	18.00	
To cash from J. J. Bishop, 12 months' interest on $5,000, Keifer legacy	225.00	
To cash from L. & A. Mountz, 12 months' interest on $4,500, Keifer legacy	250.00	$553.00

1893. CR.

April 19.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, 6 months' interest, Keifer legacy	$237.50	
" 19.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, 12 months' interest, Cook legacy	60.00	
Sept. 23.	Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, of Board of Home Missions, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy	6.00	
" 23.	Paid Jos. Lemberger, Treasurer Foreign Missions, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy . .	6.00	
" 23.	Paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer Board Education, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy . .	6.00	
Oct. 11.	Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, 12 months' interest, Keifer legacy	237 50	$553.00

Hungarian Missions.

DR.

From	Rev. T. O. Stem. Treas. East Pennsylvania Classis	79.00	
"	J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis	116.70	
"	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	63.19	
"	Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	43.21	
"	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis .	65.00	
"	Rev. M. H. Deiffenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis . .	135.00	
"	Rev. J. W. Steinmntz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis . .	153.00	
"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. Wyoming Classis . . .	60.00	$715.10

CR.

1893.			
Sept.	19. Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Missions	380.40	
Oct.	11. " " " "	334.70	$715.10

Harbor Mission.

DR.

From	Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis	$45.00	
"	J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis	111.70	
"	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis . . .	28.00	
"	" A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis	41.50	$226.20

CR.

1893.			
Oct.	11. Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions	$141.50	
"	11. " " " " "	84.70	$226.20

Bohemian Church Aid.

DR.

From	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis . . .	$22.00	
"	H. C. Hoover, Tr. Philadelphia Classis	18.00	$40.00

CR.

1893.			
Jan.	3. Paid Chas. Santee, Tr. General Board	$22.00	
May	6. " C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod . .	7.87	
Oct.	6. Balance in hands of Treasurer	10.13	$40.00

Bond to Home Mission Board.

DR.

1892.			
Oct.	15. To Balance in hands of Treasurer	$15.00	
"	15. From Geo. Hill, Treasurer, East Susq. Classis .	6.45	$21.45

CR.

Sept.	19. Paid J. J. Nissley, Tr. Board of Missions . . .		$21.45

For Home Missions.

DR.

From Philadelphia Classis		$1,900.03	
" Tohickon "		849.54	
" Goshenhoppen "		1,362.71	
" East Penna. "		750.00	
" Lebanon "		1,392.37	
" Schuylkill "		3,136.06	
" Lancaster "		812.92	
" E. Susquehanna "		795.50	
" W. " "		966.12	
" Lehigh "		1,520.61	
" Wyoming "		735.81	$14.221.67

1893. CR.

Oct. 12. Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions		$13,611.46	
" 12. " " " "		610.21	$14,221.67

Church-building.

DR.

East Pennsylvania Classis		$105.00	
Lebanon "		139.70	
Lancaster "		95.00	
East Susquehanna "		151.55	
Goshenhoppen "		183.00	
Tohickon "		176.62	
Lehigh "		233.38	
Schuylkill "		284.02	$1,368.27

1893. CR.

Oct. 12. Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions		$1,340.27	
" 12. " " " "		28.00	$1,368.27

For Theological Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa.

1892. DR.

Nov. 26.	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Chairman	$385.72	
Dec. 29.	" " M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis	28.25	
1893			
Mar. 31.	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Chairman.	732.35	
" 31.	" Prof. J. C. Bowman	5,000.00	
Apr. 1.	" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Chairman.	575.00	
" 7.	" Prof. J. C. Bowman	4,153.68	
May 22.	" " "	500.00	
June 5.	" " "	1,700.00	

June	17.	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker	$1,263.51	
July	5.	" Prof. J. C. Bowman	2,151.22	
"	8.	" Edward J. Herbine	10.00	
"	10.	" St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, account of pledge	250.00	
"	14.	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Chairman.	2.010.00	
"	14.	" " " "	500.00	
"	27.	" Prof. J. C. Bowman	1,305.00	
Aug.	10.	" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker	532.50	
"	12.	" J. S. Gerhart, Centennial Collection Behm's Indian Creek Charge	126.60	
"	26.	Cash from Prof. J. C. Bowman	1,000.00	
Sept.	2.	" " "	1,115.30	
"	13.	" " "	314.50	
"	23.	" " "	2.551.32	
"	25.	" Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis	8.33	
"	25.	Cash from Jno. B. Roth, Tr. amt. transferred from Endowment Fund, amt. in error	232.51	
"	30.	Cash from Prof. J. C. Bowman	1,415.00	
Oct.	9.	" Geo. Hill, East Susquehanna Classis	56.78	
"	11.	" Edgar Slagle, Treas. Juniata Classis .	12.60	$27,930.07

1892.		Cr.		
Nov.	30.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary	$385.72	
1893.				
Mar.	31.	" " " "	5,760.60	
April	1.	" " " "	575.00	
"	7.	" " " "	4,153.68	
May	22.	" " " "	500.00	
June	5.	" " " "	1,700.00	
"	30.	" " " "	1,263.51	
July	5.	" " " "	2,151.22	
"	8.	" " " "	10.00	
"	28.	" " " "	1,250.00	
"	28.	" " " "	1,750.00	
Aug.	10.	" " " "	126.60	
"	16.	" " " "	1,597.50	
"	26.	" " " "	1,000.00	
Sept.	2.	" " " "	1,115.30	
"	13.	" " " "	314.50	
"	23.	" " " "	2,551.22	
"	25.	" " " "	232.51	
Oct.	3.	" " " "	1,423.33	
"	11.	" " " "	69.38	$27,930.07

The Following Classes are in Arrears in Amounts and for Purposes as Follows:

Classes.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Mission.	Church-building.	Home Missions.	Overpaid Apportionments for Home Missions.
East Pennsylvania . .		$78.00	$104.00	$163.00	$854.00	
Lebanon	$38.35	18.30	34.48	173.30	489.63	
Philadelphia		143.00	80.32	170.00		$878.03
Lancaster		24.85	15.50	75.00	206.08	
East Susquehanna . .	33.95	24.79	17.66	2.45	132.50	
West Susquehanna . .		40.25		150.00		70.12
Goshenhoppen		98.00		41.00		17.71
Tohickon		107.00		51.38	530.46	
Lehigh		64.00		104.62	505.39	
Schuylkill				67.98		1,020.06
Wyoming	24.20	69.00		156.00	205.09	
	$96.50	$667.19	$251.96	$1,154.73	$2,923.15	$1,985.92

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer Eastern Synod.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., October 14, 1893.

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the same correct.

And further, we find the balance in his hands as follows:

Contingent Expense of General Synod	$45.71
" " Eastern "	995.82
Bohemian Church Aid	10.13

GEO. D. STITZEL,
WARREN J. JOHNSON.

READING, PA., October 16, 1893.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report. It was considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following as its report:

The only document placed in our hands is the Report of the Treasurer of Synod. Besides this, we may mention several items of reference, viz.:

Home Missions, $17,000; Foreign Missions, $15,000; General Synod, Contingent Fund, $1,500; Hungarian Missions, $1,000; Habor Missions, $1.300; Teacher of Elocution, $100, and five cents per member of Church-building Fund.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn that there is a balance in his hands in the following funds:

1. Contingent Fund of General Synod, $45.71.
2. Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod, $995.82.
3. Bohemian Church Aid, $10.13.

In view of the large balance in the treasury for Contingent Expenses of the Eastern Synod, the Committee have thought it advisable to apportion only $500 for this purpose on the Classes.

The Treasurer reports all the Classes in arrears in amounts and for purposes as follows:

Arrearages.

Classes.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Church-building.	Home Missions.	Overpaid Apportionments for Home Missions.
East Penna. .		$78.00	$104.00	$163.00	$854.00	
Lebanon . .	$38.35	18.30	34.48	173.30	489.63	
Philadelphia .		143.00	80.32	170.75		$878.03
Lancaster . .		24.85	15.50	75.00	206.08	
East Susq. . .	33.95	24.79		2.45	132.50	
West Susq. . .		40.25	17.66	150.00		70.12
Goshenhoppen		98.00		41.00		17.71
Tohickon . .		107.00		51.38	530.46	
Lehigh . . .		64.00		104.62	505.39	
Schuylkill . .				67.98		1,020.06
Wyoming . .	24.20	69.00		156.00	205.09	
	$96.50	$667.19	$251.96	$1,154.73	$2,923.15	$1,985.92

Your Committee recommend the following apportionment upon the several Classes, viz.:

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	Eastern Synod Contingent Fund	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Teacher Elocution
East Pennsylvania .	$175.00	$60.00	$1,800.00	$1,600.00	$100.00	$138.00	$12
Lebanon	185.00	70.00	2,100.00	1,800.00	130.00	155.00	14
Philadelphia	140.00	40.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	75.00	100.00	3
Lancaster	105.00	40.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	75.00	100.00	7
East Susquehanna .	95.00	35.00	1,000.00	950.00	65.00	85.00	6
West Susquehanna .	95 00	35 00	900 00	950 00	65.00	85.00	6
Goshenhoppen . . .	140.00	50.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	90.00	110.00	9
Tohickon	140.00	50.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	90 00	110.00	10
Lehigh . . .	200.00	60.00	2,300.00	1,900.00	115.00	160.00	14
Schuylkill	200.00	70.00	2,400 00	2,000.00	140.00	175.00	13
Wyoming	85.00	30.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	60.00	85.00	6
	$1,560.00	$540.00	$17,100.00	$15,000.00	$1,025.00	$1,300.00	$103

Agreeably to the action of Synod, the Committee also apportions the sum of five cents on each communicant member for the Church-building Fund, the Classes being hereby requested to apportion the same upon the congregations within their bounds.

It is a fact worthy of note that the following Classes have over-paid their apportionments for Home Missions:

Philadelphia	$878.03
West Susquehanna	70.12
Goshenhoppen	17.71
Schuylkill	1,020.06

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

At an election held on Saturday, during the afternoon session, Elder D. N. Schaeffer was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, for a term of five years.

An order of $20 on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. W. J. Johnson, Pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, was granted for the use of the church and sundry expenses.

An order of $9.50 was granted to Rev. J. M. Titzel, for expenses on Centennial Committee; one for $1.50 for printing tickets and 85 cents for sending telegrams to Dr. Schaff's family in their bereavement; and one for $3.00 to Rev. L. K. Evans, chairman, to defend Synod's action before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the items in its report under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

Request of East Pennsylvania Classis.

The request of East Pennsylvania Classis, as reported in Minutes of Classes, was submitted to a special committee consisting of Revs. C. S. Gerhard, Jno. H. Sechler and Elder A. J. Baker, who presented the following report which was adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred the 1st item under the head of Requests, in the Report on Minutes of Classes, respectfully reports that, after a careful consideration of the subject, it recommends the following for adoption, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod can not grant the request, and hopes that the money voted by the Classis as Sustentation for the support of the pastor at Stroudsburg be raised in addition to the amount apportioned on East Pennsylvania Classis for Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

In the 5th item in the Report of Minutes of Synod, reference is made to the appointment of a committee to defend Synod's action taken a year ago before the General Synod. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last session of Synod at Lancaster, Pa., in October, 1892, to defend its action before the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in the Appeal of the Classis of Philadelphia to General Synod (see minutes, page 58), would respectfully report that they attended to the matter, and that said General Synod sustained the Appeal, giving a definition of the meaning of its action. (See minutes of General Synod, pages 158–160).

Respectfully submitted,

L. KRYDER EVANS,
D. E. SCHOEDLER.

An order of $3 on the Treasurer was granted for the defraying of expenses of the committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

The complaint of East Susquehanna Classis against the action of Philadelphia Classis was brought to the attention of Synod by the 2d item under the head of Complaints in the Report on the Minutes of Classes. The item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Jno. M. Titzel, Wm. M. Landis, and Elder C. M. Bower, to report whether the complaint be in order.

The report of the special committee on the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis was presented on Monday's session and adopted. The report reads as follows, to wit:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to which was referred the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis against the action of Philadelphia Classis, begs leave to report that it has carefully examined into the matter referred to it, and finds that though the requirements of the Constitution were not literally fulfilled, because of insuperable difficulties in the way, yet they were substantially complied with. It also finds that the action complained of implies a serious irregularity on the part of Philadelphia Classis, and as such demands the consideration of Synod, irrespective of its being made the subject of complaint. In view of these facts your committee recommend that the complaint be considered by this reverend body, and that the hearing of it be made the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon. It would also recommend that thirty minutes be allowed each Classis to present its side of the question, the complainant having the right to open and close the discussion; and that then the question, "Shall the complaint be sustained?" be submitted without further debate for decision by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., made objections to the report because it entered into the legal merits of the case, which the President, however, ruled as being in order. Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., took exception to the President's ruling, and filed the following objections:

Philadelphia Classis makes the point of order that the chairman of the committee to whom the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis was referred is out of order, when in presenting his report he argues the merits of the case, which merits were privately discussed by the

complainant and defendant and committee at the hearing before the committee.

The President of Synod decides the point of order not well taken.

To this decision the counsel of Philadelphia Classis files exception.

The Classis of Philadelphia through its counsel takes exception to the foregoing action; because,

1. The committee was instructed to see if the complaint was in order. The report does not conform to these instructions.

2. The complaint was not filed with the President of Philadelphia Classis, as required by the Constitution, and was therefore not in order.

3. The subject-matter of the alleged complaint was not such as to be a valid cause of complaint.

4. The report of the committee fixed a hearing in a matter in which they in effect say was not in order.

5. The committee should have declared the complaint not in order.

The hearing of the case took place at the hour specified in the report. The counsel of Philadelphia Classis demanded that the papers be read. As there were no papers on hand save such as appear on the Minutes of East Susquehanna Classis, the President directed that the case be proceeded with in accordance with the manner suggested in the report. The counsel of Philadelphia Classis took the following exception to the ruling:

1. The chair erred in refusing to decide that the appellant must read all the papers in the first case before the appellee had closed his case.

2. The chair erred in allowing new papers to be read, after the appellee had closed his case.

3. The chair erred in deciding that the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis has been sustained, there being 23 votes in favor, 21 against and 3 non liquet; there then being of the votes cast not a majority in the affirmative.

Rev. J. C. Leinbach and Rev. C. H. Mutschler presented the case in behalf of East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., and Elder F. C. Hobson, acted as counsel for Philadelphia Classis.

The decision of the case is as follows:

Yeas: Revs. A. Lobach, D. B. Albright, A. J. Bachman, J. M. Titzel, F. Pilgram, A. A. Black, S. L. Whitmore, J. E. Freeman, F.

J. Mohr, J. G. Dengler, J. W. Miller, J. W. Knappenberger, T. J. Hacker, W. J. Muir, D. E. Schoedler, J. B. Kerschner. Elders A. Schrom, C. M. Bower, Jno. Hoy, Jr., Wm. S. Geist, Wm. B. Fluck, R. H. Kramm, L. C. Berkemeyer, Wm. R. Balliet.

Nays: Revs. Jas. W. Mabry, W. H. Wotring, Chas. E. Creitz, M. A. Peters, Thos. M. Yundt, I. C. Fisher, R. W. Miller, J. W. Meminger, O. H. E. Rauch, Geo. W. Richards, J. A. Reber, A. R. Bartholomew, J. W. Steinmetz, Aaron Noll, Elders Lewis Bauman, Jas. Renner, Saml. Klopp, John H. Cilley, J. C. Gerhard, J. Shearer and Alem Mauser.

Non Liquet.—Rev. H. M. Sangree, Wm. M. Landis, C. S. Gerhard, excused Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

In the foregoing decision the delegates from Philadelphia Classis and East Snsquehanna Classis were excused from voting.

A motion was adopted instructing the President to appoint a committee to define the action of the Synod in the vote that had just been taken. The President appointed Revs. J. M. Titzel, F. Pilgram and Elder John Hoy, jr.

The committee presented the following report which was adopted:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed to define the action of the Synod on the complaint of the East Susquehanna Classis begs leave to offer the following:

The action of the Synod in sustaining the complaint of the East Susquehanna Classis implies that according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, a Classis has no authority to grant license to any applicant for the same, who at the time is under the care of another Classis as a theological student, even though he should hold his church membership in the Classis to which he applies. And that the Philadelphia Classis erred in so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. M. Titzel, *Chairman.*

A motion was made and adopted instructing the President of Synod to appoint a committee to defend the action of this body before General Synod in its decisions on the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis against the action of Philadelphia Classis. In accordance with this instruction, the President appointed Rev. Jno. M. Titzel, D. D., and Elder C. M. Bower, Esq.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following Communication was received of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod:

In behalf of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, the Executive Committee would respectfully send greetings and beg leave to submit several matters for your consideration. We are happy to report that the interests of our Sunday-school received the earnest, favorable attention of the late General Synod. The Synod by its action, has laid the obligation upon the Board, and through it upon the Church, to give more careful supervision to the Sunday-school work.

And as an aid to this, it has instructed the Board to appoint a Sunday-school Secretary, who shall devote his entire time and energy to the work of increasing the number and efficiency of our Sunday-schools. The Synod also requested all the Sunday-schools of the Church to pay an apportionment of a cent a Sunday-school member, for the support of this general work.

Your Board would state that they have carried out the instructions of the General Synod and have elected the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, to the office of Sunday-school Secretary; and have sent a circular letter to all the pastors of the Church, asking for their prompt payment of the General Synod apportionment.

And now the full inception of this work depends upon the hearty and unanimous response of the Church. Offerings in some cases exceeding the asked for amount, have already been received in an encouragiug number, and the Secretary stands ready to enter upon his duties as soon as the Church, by her response, permits the Board to place him in the field. We, therefore, earnestly request your reverend Synod to take such action as will call the immediate attention of the Sunday-schools within your bounds, to the importance of coöperating with General Synod's Board, in the General Sunday-school work of our Reformed Church. And in case they have not forwarded their apportionment for the current year, to do so at once.

And further, request as an aid to the general work that Synod, should no such board or committee be already in existence, constitute a Board or Standing Committee on Sunday-school work, to which shall be committed the General Sunday-school work of the

Synod; and also that Synod request its various Classes to appoint a Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools, whose duty it shall be to arouse an interest in Sunday-school work within the bounds of the Classes, to hold Sunday-school Conventions, if advisable, to gather statistics, etc., and to coöperate with General Synod's Board and District Synod's Standing Committee or Board on Sunday-schools, in the Sunday-school work of the Church.

Furthermore, your Snnday-school Board desires to say that they will put forth the utmost efforts to advance the standard of our Sunday-school work and Sunday-school Lesson Helps, and will endeavor to take such measures as will tend to arouse a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church, and in addition propose to carry on their work in accordance with the genius, polity and recognized authorities of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER,

Chairman of Executive Committee.

The foregoing communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, F. C. Yost, and Elder A. F. Shrom, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod, would respectfully submit their report.

From this letter we gleam a number of facts of interest. The General Synod at its recent meeting gave a strong deliverance on the Sunday-school work of our Church. It authorized the Board to appoint a Sunday-school Secretary and to take immediate steps to raise a fund, to be known as "A-Cent-a-Member-Fund." We are glad to learn that this project is meeting with general favor. In order to give a more careful supervision to this important work, and arouse a greater interest within the bounds of this Synod, the Executive Committee asks for the appointment of a Standing Committee in the Synod and in the various Classes, by order of this reverend body. It is painfully evident that, as a Synod, we have not given this arm of Christian work the earnest attention it deserves. Indeed the only mention that is made in our proceedings last year of Sunday-schools, under Article XVIII., is "There was nothing special demanding the attention of Synod during its present sessions." This startling statement, coupled with the reasonable request of the Execu-

tive Committee, constrain your Committee to offer the following action for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That Synod heartily endorses the action of the General Synod in the formation of the Board and in the appointment of a Sunday-school Secretary and hereby pledges its earnest support in the prosecution of the work.

Resolved, That we approve of the Board's choice of a Secretary in the person of Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Resolved, That we direct the pastors, through the Classes, to urge the prompt payment by all the Sunday-schools, of the Cent-a-Member apportionment, to the Treasurer of the Board.

Resolved, That in case the pastors of Union Sunday-schools find it inexpedient to obtain this amount from the schools, that they be hereby requested to ask their congregations for a special offering for this purpose.

Resolved, That the President of Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee of five members, who shall aid the General Board, and that hereafter one member shall be elected annually, the term of the present Committee expiring in the order in which their names stand on the list.

Resolved, That one of the duties of this Standing Committee shall be to arrange for a service in the interests of the Sunday-school during the annual meetings of the Synod.

Resolved, That each of the several Classes be and hereby is requested to appoint a permanent committee, whose duty shall be to aid the General Board and to increase the efficiency of the Sunday-school work within its bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the foregoing report was appointed by the President, consisting of Revs. Dr. Jno. S. Stahr and G. W. Richards, Elders F. G. Hobson, C. C. Leader and Dr. Jacob H. Stein.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1893.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

BRETHREN : Your Publication Board reports that the publication interests continue in a flourishing state, as attested by the words of commendation received and by the steady growth in their circulation, notably in that of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, your leading and most effective organ. During the past year its subscription lists, under new efforts and attractive offers, have increased largely, and point to a greater increase in the future.

The books of the lessee were duly audited. From these it appeared that the gross receipts for the year 1892 amounted to $40,-443.78, as compared with $38,279.23 for the previous year, being an increase of $2,164.55. Under the contract, therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a contingent from the lessee of $1,213.31 for the past year. For the first time since the contract was made the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and the treasury is receiving a corresponding benefit, a result that again emphasizes the wisdom of your action in disposing of your publication interests under the existing lease.

The new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., reports the condition of the treasury as of July 1, 1893: Cash, $3,291.53; investments, $4,205.19. Total, $7,496.72.

At the meeting of the Board held September 6, 1893, attention was called to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract between lessor and lessee, and it was unanimously resolved to petition your bodies to take cognizance of these by adopting such measures of relief as your wisdom may suggest. A separate memorial, prepared by C. M. Boush, Esq., of Meadville, Pa., under authority of the Board, embodying these complaints, will be presented for your consideration.

The Board, by the death, during the past year, of Mr. George W. Hensel, has lost one of its most efficient members, one who for many years took a deep interest in its publication affairs. The office of treasurer held by the late Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Penna., to succeed him. The

vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of John W. Bickel, Esq., of Norristown, Penna.

Another vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. John Cessna, of Bedford, Penna., has been filled by the election in his stead of G. S. Griffith, of Baltimore, Md., who was subsequently chosen President.

The attention of the Eastern Synod is called to the expiration of the term of Mr. James T. Reber, and that of the Pittsburgh Synod to the expiration of the term of Mr. C. M. Boush.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 21, 1893.

Memorial.

To the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The publication interests owned by you jointly being entrusted to our care, we deem it our imperative duty to report to you any and all matters coming under our observation that in any way may effect the same either for good or evil.

First, We draw your attention to the contents of the contract, which the Board as your servant and with your consent as lessor made with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., lessee, and beg leave to suggest, that your Reverend Bodies take such action as in your wisdom may be thought most effective to secure the strict adherence to the conditions contained in said contract to be observed on part of the three Synods and their constituencies. This we find necessary to be done, from a tendency that has come under our observation, on the part of some of our pastors and people, to regard the Reformed Publication House, at Philadelphia, as a private enterprise, in the same line with other private enterprises of members of the Church. We are as Synods and members of said Synods bound by solemn contract to the patronage of our Philadelphia institution, moreover it is to the interest of our beloved Church as a whole, that we should do so. We are in a fair way, slowly but surely to lay the foundation, and to gather sufficient means for the establishment of an

and Proceedings of the 146th Annual Sessions of Synod, bound in pamphlet form, and distributed the same according to the rules of Synod in the case. The cost for printing and binding was $226.91, or at the rate of 6½ cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod in the Report on Overture and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Home.

The Report on Bethany Orphans' Home reads as follows, to wit:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The undersigned, in behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, beg leave to present to your reverend body the following statement about the present condition and needs of this institution.

We have at present 108 children in the Home, and 7 more have been admitted whom we expect shortly. The health of the family, with a few slight exceptions, was very good during the year. Our school work has moved forward satisfactorily and the religious services and instruction have been continued as in former years. Twenty orphans were confirmed at the last Easter season, making the present number of confirmed orphans in the Home 32.

Our present indebtedness is about $2,500. This is due to the fact that very few contributions were received during the summer, and because we were obliged to make some necessary repairs and improvements during the past six months.

At the last quarterly meeting there were 22 applications before the Board for the admission of children. In our present financial condition we did not feel justified in admitting all, but the doors of the Home were opened to 13. While the Board would gladly heed all deserving appeals, our room and means are limited and relief is given only where it is thought the need is greatest.

In order to remove our present indebtedness and to provide for the constantly increasing family which the Church is asking us to car for, we again hopefully look forward to the coming Christmas

season and trust that the gifts of God's people, through your coöperation, will be liberal for the support of this important work.

With grateful hearts we acknowledge God's watchful care over our family during the past year and earnestly ask for your continued sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Special Committee on Orphan's Home appointed a year ago in response to Item 12 in Report of Minutes of Synod, was read and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to make the following report:

In accordance with the instruction of your Body the committee met with the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, and found the Home in prosperous condition. The buildings are thoroughly clean, the children well cared for, both physically and spiritually. Many applications for admission must be refused owing to a lack of funds for their support. If these funds are at hand many deserving orphans can be accommodated.

The committee further lent their aid in the arrangement for the proper observance of the Anniversary of the Home, which is hereafter to be called *Bethany Day.* It was observed on the 30th of August. Very acceptable speeches were delivered, and a suitable entertainment given by the children of the Home, which gave evidence of the training they received both intellectually and religiously. The attendance was large and Bethany Day will doubtless become one of the most popular days in Eastern Synod.

AARON LEINBACH, *Chairman.*
GEO. W. RICHARDS.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Home, to whom the foregoing document was referred, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred a report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home respectfully report:

That they have carefully considered the report of the said Board, and noted with deep interest the present flourishing condition of the Home under the able and untiring efforts of its worthy superintendent, Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, and those who compose its Board of Management.

There are at present 108 children cared for in the Home, and 7 more who have been admitted will shortly arrive, making a total of 115. It is a matter of regret that for want of room and funds, the Board does not see its way clear to admit many other children who are deserving of the charity and comfort of the Home.

There is cause for devout gratitude to God for the measure of good health which has been enjoyed by this family during the past year. Your committee have also observed with satisfaction the uninterrupted work of the school, and that the regular religious services have been faithfully conducted. Twenty of the orphans were confirmed during the year.

In view of the great success already achieved and of the pressing needs of this important work, your committee would recommend the following resolutions for consideration and adoption:

Resolved 1, That this Synod rejoices to hear of the present condition of Bethany Orphans' Home and urges renewed efforts in behalf of this worthy charity.

Resolved 2, That the cause of the orphans be earnestly commended to the liberality and sympathy of pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools.

Resolved 3, That special offerings be made in all the churches during the coming Christmas festivities to the Home, and that in this Centennial year one grand effort be made to largely increase their donations, thus enabling the Board of Managers of the Home to cancel its present indebtedness and carry forward its work through the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. COON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In the 7th item in Report of Minutes of Synod, reference is made to the appointing of a special committee to effect legal changes in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary. The committee presented its report, which was read and adopted. And the charters as amended were approved. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

The committee appointed by the Eastern Synod to act in conjunction with similar committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, in an effort to secure such legal changes to the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary as to make the two last-named Synods joint owners with the Eastern Synod of the above-named institutions, and which was continued by the Synod of Lancaster, Pa., of 1892 with instructions to set in motion the proceedings by which these changes to the charters might be effected, according to the plan recommended and adopted by the three Synods at their last annual meeting, would beg leave to report to the Synods severally, as follows:

1. That the amendments and changes to the charters of the two institutions in question were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster county, Pa., on Saturday, Aug. 19, 1893, and that they are now a part of the organic law of the institutions and the Church.

2. That in the judgment of the committee, these charters as so amended, should be formally accepted and adopted by the three Synods during their annual sessions of 1893, and to facilitate such adoption a copy of the amendments is hereby submitted to each one of the Synods. Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER,
E. N. KREMER,
T. O. STEM,
D. S. KELLER,
J. W. BICKEL.

LEBANON, PA., Oct. 19, 1893.

Charter of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The following is a copy of the Charter of the Theological Seminary as granted in 1831, and amended in 1881 and 1893, and spread upon the minutes in accordance with the resolution of the report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning:

The formulæ of perusal, examination, allowance, publishing, proof, record, etc., are here omitted, but may be found in Prothonotary's office of the Court of Lancaster County, Pa.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know ye, that for the purpose set forth and contained in this, our act of association, we, the subscribed citizens of the Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania, have associated ourselves for the purpose of becoming a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and regulations, and conditions following to wit:

Article 1. That Joseph Heister, Sr., Philip Heitshu, Jacob Laucks, George Small, John Hartman, John Evans, Martin Danner, William Wagner, Samuel Wagner, George Hoke, George King, John Zeller, William D. Gobrecht, John C. Bucher, John B. Mish, John W. Gloninger, William Heyser and Luther Reily, and their successors duly elected, and appointed in manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby declared, made, and constituted a corporation and body, corporate and politic in law and fact, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States," at present located in York, in the County of York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and by the same name and title shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or elsewhere, and to make, have and use a common seal with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law and equity to receive, take, hold and possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates and property of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which heretofore, in any manner whatsoever, have been given, granted, received, procured, or held by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, for the use of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, the ownership whereof shall vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in Trust* for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods. And also, that the said corporations and their successors shall be capable, in law and equity, to purchase, receive, take, have, hold and possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates and property of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality, real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies, corporate or politic, capable of making the same:

Provided, The said estate, real, personal or mixed, does not yield an annual income exceeding twenty-thousand dollars; and that no misnomer shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, purchase, bargain,

sale, devise or bequest, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, making the same.

Article 2. The said corporation [Board of Trustees] shall not at any time consist of more than eighteen members, all of whom shall be laymen, of whom said Eastern Synod shall elect nine; said Pittsburgh Synod three; and said Synod of the Potomac six, and the full term of service of such trustees shall be six years; *provided, however*, that of those first chosen under this arrangement the term of one-third shall be four years, and one-third only two years; and the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of said lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, moneys and other estates whatsoever, agreeably to the intent of the trust committed to it in respect to such property; but in case, when special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by said three Synods in writing under the hands of their stated clerks, it shall be the duty of said corporation to act according to such instructions, if they are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association—*provided further*, that all endowment funds given to the said Theological Seminary be held by the treasurer of this corporation; but that the account of each of the several funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created, and should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it.

Article 3. That six members of the said corporation, whereof the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, to be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by laws, rules and regulations, and to supply the vacancies of members of the corporation occurring during the recess of the said Synod:

Provided, That previous to the meeting of the Board or corporation for such purpose, not appointed by adjournment, two weeks' notice shall be given thereof by the secretary or clerk of the corporation, to each member thereof, and the said corporation shall, and may as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them prescribed, choose out of their number a President, who shall be authorized to call special meetings of the corporation, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, and such other officers

as shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary; to which officers the said corporation may assign such compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time, and to be succeeded in office by others, in such way and manner as the said corporation shall direct.

Article 4. That the corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements in a book or books to be provided for that purpose, and shall once in a year exhibit to the said Synod an exact statement of the accounts and funds of the said corporation.

Article 5. That the said corporation, and their successors, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof, provided, the said by-laws be not repugnant to the ordinances, decrees, sentences or resolutions of the said Synod, or the Constitution and by-laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association.

Article 6. That the said three Synods shall from time to time establish such professorships and tutorships in literature, science and theology in the said Seminary as they shall judge expedient, and shall elect the professors and tutors thereof, appoint their salaries, prescribe their duties, and remove them from their offices when in their judgment the interests of the Seminary shall require,—*provided, however*, that vacancies occurring from time to time in the three professorships existing prior to the year A. D. 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods, and professorships endowed since the year A. D. 1890, by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to approval of the other Synods.

In case of the trial and discipline of professors of theology as provided for in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod shall be appointed, who after carefully considering the case shall report their recommendations to the Synods interested for their action; but no election of a professor of

theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained.

Article 7. That if any person or persons shall endow a scholarship in the said Seminary, of a religious denomination other than the said Reformed Church in the United States, the interest of such scholarship shall be always appropriated to the support of a necessitous student of the said Seminary of such other denomination, provided any such student make application.

Article 8. That the professors and tutors of the said Seminary shall constitute a faculty, who shall administer the internal government of the Seminary agreeably to a plan which the said Synod shall approve and authorize, and may from time to time alter and amend.

Article 9. That the Board of Visitors of said Theological Seminary shall consist of twelve ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod and four by the Synod of the Potomac, and the full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years and four members of said Board shall constitute a quorum. And it shall be the duty of said Board of Visitors to inspect the internal state and government of the said Seminary performing therein only such specific duties as said Synod shall prescribe, and make report of their proceedings to the said Synod at stated annual meetings; and the said Board of Visitors shall have power to dismiss or expel such offending students of the said Seminary as the faculty shall judge worthy of such punishment, and to restore to their former standing any of said students who may appear to them to have been unjustly suspended. And in case of the removal of a professor or tutor of the said Seminary by death, resignation or otherwise, the said Board of Visitors shall have power to supply the vacancy till the next meeting of the said Synod, and it shall be their duty to meet annually at the time and place which may be appointed, for the public examination of the students in the aforesaid Seminary, and as often as their President or a majority of them may think proper. They may choose out of their number a President, Secretary, and other officers as often as they shall deem expedient; and may, under the control of the said Synod, adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their government, as shall not be contrary to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth or to the articles of this association.

Article 10. That no non-user or disuser of any of the powers granted in and by this act, shall incur a forfeiture thereof.

JAMES R. REILY, WILLIAM WAGNER,
GEORGE SMALL, FERDINAND L. SPANGLER.

Charter of Franklin and Marshall College with Amendments in both Charter and Supplement.

Pennsylvania, ss:

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, WILLIAM BIGLER, *Governor of said Commonwealth,*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME SENDS GREETING:

WHEREAS, An Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth entitled "An Act to unite and consolidate Marshall College now at Mercersburg, with Franklin College now at Lancaster, under the name of "Franklin and Marshall College," as a corporation, to be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity, provides for incorporation of said College, and which Act is as follows, viz:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Franklin College, which was chartered by the Representatives of the freemen of the said Commonwealth, sitting at Philadelphia, the tenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and Marshall College at Mercersburg, chartered by act of Assembly the thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, be and are hereby united and consolidated into one institution of learning, under the corporate name, style and title of "Franklin and Marshall College," and thus created, the same be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity.

SECTION 2. The said Franklin and Marshall College so united, consolidated and located, shall be under the direction, management and government of not less than forty-five nor more than sixty trustees, of whom the Governor of this State shall ex-officio be one, and two-thirds of which number of trustees at least shall be members of the German Reformed Church, and a quorum of whom competent to transact any business shall consist of fifteen members, at least two-thirds of which quorum shall be members of the German Reformed

Church, and to that end and purpose William Heyser, John Smith, Bernard Wolff, George Besore, John Casper Bucher, and John W. Nevin, of Franklin county; John Conrad Bucher, George Z. Kunkel, Daniel W. Gross, Rudolph F. Kelker, John F. Mesick and Luther Riley, of Dauphin county; David Middlekauff, of Adams county; William A. Good and Samuel Wagner, of York county; David Krause, William Schall and John R. Kooken, of Montgomery county; Julius W. Mann, William Mayburry, Charles H. Bibighaus and John G. Alburger, of Philadelphia; John W. Gloninger, John W. Killinger and John Krause, of Lebanon county; James Buchanan, John L. Atlee, Samuel Bowman, James L. Reynolds, John Reynolds, Emanuel C. Reigart, Henry G. Long, Samuel Humes, Benjamin Champneys, B. Keenan, Christopher Hager, Daniel Heitshue, David Longenecker, Christian Gast, John Bausman, William Hiester, Philip K. Brenneman, N. A. Keyes, Clement B. Grubb and Joseph Konigmacher, of Lancaster county; Thomas H. Leinbach, Philip Zieber and P. Hiester, of Berks county; Isaac Meyers, of Schuylkill; J. H. A. Bomberger, J. P. Hetrich, of Northampton county; George C. Welker, of Northumberland county; and William Darlington, of Chester county, Pennsylvania; Jacob Myer, of Virginia; Elias Heiner, John Rodenmayer, Bernard C. Wolff, Daniel Zellers and Geo. Shaffer, of Maryland; and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex-officio, shall be and hereby are created the first trustees.

SECTION 3. The trustees above named and created, and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter provided, are hereby established and declared to be one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and in law under the said name, style, and title of "Franklin and Marshall College," by which name they and their successors shall be capable in law and equity to take for the use of Franklin and Marshall College, any estate in any messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods, chattels, moneys, and other effects, by gift, bargain, and sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, or bequest, as well of the said Franklin College and the said Marshall College at Mercersburg, both being hereby authorized and empowered to alien, transfer and convey, to said Franklin and Marshall College, such property as of all other persons or corporate bodies, and the same to dispose of by sale or otherwise, or to farm, let, and put out on interest, for the use of said Franklin and Marshall College, in such manner as they or a quorum of their Board of Trustees shall

judge most beneficial to said institution, and receive the proceeds and income thereof for its proper support; to execute all contracts for scholarships, erected by Marshall College, unless the owner or holder of any scholarship residing in Mercersburg, on which a balance may remain unpaid, shall object to paying the same, and by the same name to sue and be sued, to prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and generally to transact all business concerning the premises or incidentally necessary to ensure full success to said College; and to hold, enjoy, and exercise all such powers, authorities and jurisdictions, as are customary in other like institutions in this State. The ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College, and the management of the institution shall hereafter vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in trust*, for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and be carried forward in the interest of said three Synods.

SECTION 4. The said trustees shall cause a common seal to be made for the use of the said corporation and college, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as are suitable for the same in their judgment, by which all deeds and other instruments of writing, diplomas, certificates, and other acts of said corporation and college shall pass and be authenticated, and said seal to break, alter, and replace at their pleasure.

SECTION 5. The first meeting of said trustees shall be convened in the City of Lancaster, on the requisition of any seven of their members, and notice of ten days to each; and thereafter their meeting shall be annual at each college commencement, on similar notice, to be given by the President or Secretary, to transact the business of said corporation and college, to enact by-laws not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or of this State, to appoint the principal and professors of said college, and determine their number, duties, and compensation; to remove said functionaries for incompetency, misconduct or other sufficient cause, to provide in conference with its faculty proper rewards for merit, and punishments for violation of its rules, regulations and by-laws on the part of students and subordinate officers; to elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as are usual in other colleges; to appoint committees for carrying into execution their resolutions, and generally to do all other matters and things which though not here enumerated may be necessary to secure the full success and well being of said institution.

SECTION 6. The Trustees may adjourn their meetings, and also may hold special meetings whenever the President and Secretary, and on their disagreement or neglect a majority of the faculty, shall require it, for the transaction of any distinct business or ordering of any distinct matter concerning said College, either at Lancaster or other convenient place; but in such case notice of the business or matter to be done, as well as the time and place of meeting, shall be given ten days beforehand to each member of the Board.

SECTION 7. In the room and instead of Trustees who shall die, resign, or otherwise create vacancies, the remaining Trustees shall elect others at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose in manner aforesaid, and thus perpetuate succession in the Board of Trustees and the corporation shall be kept up and preserved, with the powers, rights, immunities, and duties, provided for in this charter; and if any member of the Board of Trustees shall fail to attend three successive annual meetings thereof, his seat may be vacated by said Board, if by them deemed expedient.

SECTION 8. The Principal of said College and its Professors, who may from time to time be multiplied to any number, for the purpose of giving instruction in any of the liberal arts and sciences, and other useful learning, or a majority of them, for the time being, shall constitute the Faculty of the same, and shall as such have power to enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees for its government, and that of its students and subordinate officers, and to grant by order and consent of the Board of Trustees, or a quorum thereof, such degrees in the said arts and sciences or other useful learning to students of said College and others, who by their proficiency in learning, or other distinction, shall be adjudged entitled to them, as have been usually granted in other Colleges or universities in America or Europe, and to grant to said students entitled thereto, diplomas or certificates to perpetuate the memory of the graduation or other distinction, in all which cases the same shall be authenticated by the common seal of said corporation.

SECTION 9. There shall be in said College one or more German Professorships.

SECTION 10. That whenever the intent in any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to or from said corporation to make the same shall sufficiently appear, no misnomer shall defeat such intent, nor shall any omission or neglect of the Trustees to meet at the time and place appointed for business, affect this charter or work its forfeiture, but in

such case another meeting may be called by any member of the Board giving ten days notice for that purpose.

SECTION 11. The charters of the Franklin College and of Marshall College aforesaid, shall be and severally remain in full force and virtue until they shall severally have collected all obligations due them and have severally conveyed their property, real, personal, and mixed, subject to the subsequent provisions of this act, as far as relates to the real estate of Marshall College, to Franklin and Marshall College aforesaid, for the use, benefit, and behoof of the said Franklin and Marshall College, and thenceforth the said charters of Franklin College and Marshall College shall be null and void.

AND WHEREAS, By the above recited act, the Governor of this Commonwealth is authorized and required to issue his letters patent, under the Seal of the State in the manner and at the time therein specified.

AND WHEREAS, The stipulations, conditions and things in the said act, directed to be performed, have in all respects been fully complied with.

NOW KNOW YE, That in pursuance of power, and authority to me by law given, I, William Bigler, Governor of the said Commonwealth, do by these presents, which I have caused to be made patent and sealed with the Seal of the State, establish and declare the above named trustees, and their successors in office, to be one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession in deed and in law by the name, style and title of "Franklin and Marshall College."

And by the said name the trustees aforesaid, and their successors in office, shall have all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and the trustees aforesaid, and their successors and assigns are generally to be invested with all the rights, powers and privileges with full force and effect, and to be subject to all the duties, requisite and restrictions, specified and enjoined in and by the said act of the General Assembly, and all other laws of this Commonwealth.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and of the Commonwealth the Seventy-Seventh.

By the Governor:

F. W. HUGHES,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act to unite and consolidate Marshall College, now at Mercersburg, with Franklin College, now at Lancaster, under the name of Franklin and Marshall College, as a corporation, to be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity, approved the nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty, changing the Trustees thereof, and the manner of selecting such Trustees and their terms of office :

WHEREAS, The trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, at a late meeting, vacated their seats, to take effect in July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and unanimously recommended a reduction in the number, as well as such other modifications of their charter, as are herein contained, and requested the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of North America to elect a Board of Trustees:

AND WHEREAS, Said Synod at its late meeting in York, Pennsylvania, unanimously approved the changes suggested by said Board of Trustées in the charter of said College, and elected as Trustees the persons hereinafter named. Therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same :* That the seats of all the present members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College be and they are hereby declared vacant on the evening of Tuesday of College commencement, of one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, and the new Board hereinafter appointed (and which was chosen by the Synod of the German Reformed Church) shall meet and organize on the morning on Wednesday of said College commencement, in July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

SECTION 2. That Thomas E. Franklin, W. H. Lawall, and Henry Wirt, are hereby appointed Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for one year, from and after July first, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven; William Mayburry, John L. Reigel, and A. Herr Smith, for two years from that date; B. C. Wolff, Joseph Laubach, and Benjamin F. Shenk, for three years from that date; B. Bausman, R. F. Kelker, and James L. Reynolds, for four years from that date; John Heilman, H. G. Long, and C. B. Grubb, for five years from that date; J. H. A. Bomberger, Jacob

Heyser, and A. L. Hayes, for six years from that date; George C. Kunkel, G. S. Griffith, and D. W. Patterson, for seven years from that date; James Buchanan, John W. Killinger, and John Wiest, for eight years from that date; Charles Santee, J. L. Atlee, and Jacob Bausman, for nine years from that date; and C. Hager, D. W. Gross, and John Cessna, for ten years from that date.

SECTION 3. That hereafter the Eastern Synod shall elect twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees in such manner as said Synods may respectively determine, and the Board shall choose the remaining nine members. The terms of service of said trustees shall begin on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and they shall continue in office for the period of ten years thereafter.

SECTION 4. The ratio of members of said Board of Trustees who are members of the German Reformed Church, and the number of Trustees required to constitute a quorum shall not be changed.

SECTION 5. No member of the College Faculty shall be a member of the Board of Trustees; this section shall not apply to any person delivering lectures to students on anatomy or medicine; but only to those regularly engaged in teaching.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Trustees shall have power, and it shall be their duty to declare vacant the seat of any member who shall fail to attend any of the meetings of the Board for two whole years, without sufficient excuse, to be judged by the Board.

SECTION 7. That the Board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, by reason of death, resignation, failure of Synod to elect, or otherwise; the person or persons so elected by the Board, to continue in office during the balance of the term of the person or persons in whose stead he or they shall have been chosen.

SECTION 8. That so much of the act of Assembly to which this is a supplement, as is consistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1867, and duly authenticated by the seal and signature of the Secretary of the State.

Observance of Synod's Centennial.

In the 9th item on the Report on Minutes of Synod, reference is made to a committee appointed a year ago to act conjointly with

similar committees appointed by the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, to make arrangements for the proper observance of the Synod's Centennial. The following report of the committee was read and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed by the Synod at its meeting in Lancaster, Pa., last October, to act in conjunction with similar committees appointed by the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the Centennial of our existence as a Synod, and as a distinct branch of the Church of Christ, beg leave to present the following report:

At joint meetings of the committees of this Synod and the Ohio, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods, held December 1, 1892, and February 9, 1893, in the study of the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., the following action was unanimously agreed upon:

WHEREAS, on the 30th of April, 1893, it will be one hundred years since the Reformed Church of the United States became a distinct and self-governing organization; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we deem it eminently proper to celebrate this event in our history, on account of its importance, and in order that our people may have an opportunity in a suitable way to review gratefully the progress of the past, rejoice in the prosperity of the present, and take courage for the work of the future.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend that proper measures be at once adopted to bring this subject to the earnest and thoughtful attention of all our people; and that to this end the pastors of our churches everywhere be requested to put forth efforts to create an interest in this anniversary among their people: and that, through the medium of our Church papers, articles be published urging the importance of its celebration.

Resolved, 3. That all our congregations be earnestly requested to celebrate this anniversary in their respective places of worship on Sunday, April 30, 1893, as an important epoch in the history of our Church in this country; and that where this is not possible the preceding or the succeeding Sunday be devoted to this purpose; and, furthermore, that on said Sunday of April 30, all our Sunday-schools be also requested to hold appropriate services.

Resolved, 4. That all the Classes be and hereby are requested to set apart a portion of time at their annual meeting for 1893 for such

Anniversary Services; and that their respective officers be requested to prepare in advance of such meeting a programme and appoint speakers for the occasion.

Resolved, 5. That the different Synods be requested at their next Annual Sessions to take note of this event in the way of summing up what has been done by their Classes and congregations, and by ordering such further appointment of services as they may deem proper; also, that the several committees of the different Synods be instructed to prepare a special service for said meeting, and submit the same to their respective Synods.

Resolved, 6. That we recommend a commemorative service during the Triennial Meeting of the General Synod in May, 1893, and that Rev. Dr. Bausman, in whose church the Synod will meet, together with the other Reformed pastors of Reading, Pa., prepare the programme and make all necessary arrangements for the service.

Resolved, 7. That the exercises pertaining to the Centennial Anniversary, especially those of the congregations, Classes and Synods, should consist of sermons, addresses and essays, having a bearing on the history, doctrines, cultus and educational system of the Reformed Church, together with devotional services including Scripture lessons, prayer and praise.

Resolved, 8. That in addition to the religious and literary services that may be held as an expression of gratitude to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the whole of this Centennial should be turned to account for the benefit of the benevolent operations of the Church by affording to every one an opportunity of making a special, free-will offering to the Lord; and further, that each committee shall make recommendation to its Classes and Synod in regard to the particular purpose to which these contributions shall be devoted, unless the Synod has already designated the object.

Resolved, 9. That inasmuch as there is a disposition in different parts of the Church to hold a popular meeting of our Church in Chicago in connection with the Religious Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition to be held there, and a day and a room have been assigned to us for this purpose, namely, September 21st, the General Synod be requested by our officers to authorize such a convention, and adopt such action as may be recommended to it by the Joint Committee of the Synods, or as it may deem expedient.

Resolved, 10. That we adopt and have stamped with a suitable design and inscription, a "Centennial Medal," to be sold during

the year; and that the proceeds of its sale be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, 11. That we recommend to each committee of the different Synods, that it make provision for supplying each pastor with suitable envelopes to be distributed among the people for the Centennial offerings to be made during the year.

Resolved, 12. That the pastors of the different congregations be requested to keep a separate account of the Centennial offerings of their people, and report the same to the treasurers of their respective Classes; and that the treasurers of Classes be requested to report separately the totals of the same to the treasurers of their respective Synods, so that an account of these offerings may appear in the printed minutes of the Synods.

This action was sent by circular to the ministers throughout the Reformed Church, as well as published in our various Church papers. A copy of this action was also presented to the General Synod at its late meeting and approved by it.

In accordance with it we would suggest that your reverend body devote an afternoon or evening, during its present sessions, to the celebration of the Centennial of our independent existence as a Synod, and that short addresses be delivered on the significance of the event; on the Distinctive Character of our Church, and on Its History and Present Condition in the United States; or on some other suitable subjects. Owing to various causes, your committee did not deem it advisable to appoint speakers in advance, but leaves this to Synod, believing that it will have no trouble in securing such among its own members.

The expenses of the committee in attending to its duties are $9.50.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations to whom were referred all items concerning vacancies on the various Boards, reported in part on Saturday. The report was received, and the election of a Trustee was made the order of the day on Saturday at 2 P. M. At

the time appointed the election was held, the result of which is recorded in Article XV. on Finance.

The final report on Nominations was received on Monday and adopted, and the election was made the order of the day at 3 P. M. Revs. Geo. W. Richards and F. C. Yost were appointed tellers. The tickets were distributed, the roll was called and the ballot taken. After counting the votes the results were reported to the President, who read the names of the persons duly elected. The results of the election are recorded in Article XIII. on Theological Seminary, Article XIV. on Missions, and Article XIX. on Publication.

Election on the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., of Lancaster, and Elder Geo. Z. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, Pa., were elected as members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report on Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. J. B. Kerschner, I. C. Fisher and Elder John H. Cilley a Committee on Excuses. At the close of the sessions they presented their report, which was adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following members of Synod were excused: Revs. C. S. Gerhard, J. W. Meminger, T. M. Yundt, J. W. Steinmetz, J. E. Freeman, C. H. Coon, Jon. W. Miller and F. C. Yost, Elders J. I. Corbett, J. B. Leinbach, Jos. G. Meyer, L. C. Berkmeyer, J. G. Brown, Henry Martin, J. J. Nissley, Jacob Horst, J. Z. Gerhard, Frank Andreas, R. H. Kramm, Thos. Strauss and Geo. W. Hertzel.

Society for the Relief of Ministers.

The Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and the Widows of Deceased Ministers, noted in the 1st item of the Report on Overtures, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. W. J. Muir, J. A. Wickert and Elder J. R. Hilbush.

The Report of the Society is as follows to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the East:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The following is a statement of the moneys received and expended on account of the "Society for the

Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States" within the bounds of your reverend body for the year ending September 30, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

Lebanon Classis	$176.59	Goshenhoppen Classis	$100.00
Lancaster "	146.49	West Susquehanna Classis	83.19
Philadelphia "	145.84	Tohickon Classis	65.00
Schuylkill "	138.99	East Susquehanna Classis	58.66
Lehigh "	134.16	Total	$1,048.92

EXPENDITURES.

East Penna. Classis, 6 Ann.	$355.00	Lehigh Classis, 1 Ann.	$50.00
Philadelphia " 8 "	355.00	East Susq. Classis, 1 Ann.	50.00
Lancaster " 2 "	100.00	Total	$910.00

A place is asked in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society for the past year. Further the hope is expressed that your Reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief to the disabled ministers and the bereaved widow.

With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations, I am your fellow laborer in the gospel.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

ST. PETERSBURG, PA., Sept. 30, 1893.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers, presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per report last year	$3,496.22
" from call loans	7,534.05
" " collections in the churches	2,518.02
" " interest on investments	506.95
" " miscellaneous sources	279.57
Total	$14,334.81

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investment	$9,700.00
" paid 40 annuitants	2,140.00
" in Treasury	2,396.00
" paid for expenses	98.81
Total	$14,334.81

Invested Fund, $31,550.

In the year now closed eleven disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows of deceased ministers have been aided by the Society. In the coming year, as far as is now known, the number of those needing aid will be increased by at least four more. The amount in the treasury available for this purpose may be needed for the appropriation made by the Society at its annual meeting, October 17, 1893.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the names of thirty-six life and four annual members, as follows:

Life Members: Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer, Wm. A. Hale, D. D., D. R. Taylor, L. Reiter, Jno. A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. L. Gerhart, T. H. Phillips, S. E. Stofflet, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, R. B. Reichard, D. O. Shoemaker, Wm. A. Helffrich, D. D., A. J. Herman, Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., W. W. Clouser, Wm. A. Haas, H. F. Dittmar, W. E. Krebs, E. D. Miller, C. Gumbert, T. S. Land, S. Charles Stover, H. Hilbish, W. Delaney, Lucian Cort, Jas. Grant, J. F. Snyder, J. David Miller, A. Wanner, D. D., A. Spangler, Chas. Knepper, H. D. Darbaker, E. E. Heister, James A. Schultz and R. S. Appel.

Annual Members: Revs. H. J. Reutenick, D. D., F. Strassner, W. Walenta and John A. Peters, D. D.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc., presented its report on Saturday, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to whom you referred the papers bearing on the condition and work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, would respectfully report:

It affords us pleasure to note the annually increasing prosperity of the Society, and we appreciate the important mission which it is carrying forward, not only within the bounds of this Synod, but also in the Church at large. We rejoice in believing that the day is not far distant when all the brethren of our beloved Zion will be members of this Society and share the benefit which it bestows. In order that this may be brought about as speedily as possible, and that the

work of the Society receive the encouragement which it deserves at the hands of this Synod, we recommend the following resolutions:

1. That the Report of the Society be published in connection with the report of your committee.

2. That Synod recommends to the several Classes that the work of the Society be again liberally supported during the coming Synodical year.

3. That in thus recommending this matter Synod hereby reiterates its former action, suggesting that the Classes raise life membership and designate who shall be the beneficiary.

W. J. MUIR, *Chairman.*

A brief statement was made by Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., in regard to the afflictions of Rev. A. R. Thompson, of Montgomery county, Pa.

The afflicted brother has the sympathy and prayers of Synod, and to partially relieve him of his distress Brother Sechler was appointed as a committee to receive such offerings from the members of Synod and others that may feel disposed to aid the brother in his afflictions. The committee subsequently reported that the sum of $56.00 has been obtained for the relief of Rev. A. R. Thompson.

Minute on the Death of Dr. Philip Schaff.

On Saturday, at the morning session, the statement was made, on the floor of Synod, that the morning papers announce the death of Dr. P. Schaff. A telegram expressing the Christian sympathy of this body was sent to his bereaved family, and a committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Drs. S. G. Wagner, J. M. Titzel and Elder F. G. Hobson, which presented the following report, which was adopted:

This Synod has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D., which occurred in the city of New York on last Friday morning, October 20, 1893.

Dr. Schaff was closely identified with the Reformed Church in the United States as a professor in one of its prominent theological seminaries for many years. He was in this way brought into very near and dear relations with many of the members of the Church and Synod, who once sat at his feet as pupils, and attribute to him much of whatever fitness they may have had for entering upon the work of the gospel ministry.

As a church, we have learned not only to respect him as a profound scholar, whose fame is known to the countries on both sides of the Atlantic; but also to love him as a brother is loved, and to revere him as a father, in the bonds of a common Christian faith. His death falls therefore as a heavy loss, not only upon the Church and institution in whose fellowship he more recently stood and labored, but also upon the Church which this Synod represents, and which first felt the force of his intellect and learning; and in a somewhat limited measure upon the whole world of science and culture, which will henceforth miss the presence of the ripe Christian scholar and church historian. Whilst this Synod deplores his death, it would yet express its gratitude to God, in that He so graciously permitted His servant to live and labor for so many years, and with such preëminent success in the Church and the world; and it would bow with a befitting resignation to the will of Him who knows best when to vouchsafe to His faithful servants the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

We would remember in sympathy the painfully bereaved wife and children, and mingle our tears with theirs, as the word of God so thoughtfully counsels. We would commend them to the sustaining grace and to the consolations of the "Great High Priest" who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

Books Referred and Commended.

The items in Report on Overtures referring to Books, etc., presented to Synod, were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. A. Black, H. T. Spangler, and Elder A. J. Baker, who presented the following report, which was adopted, namely:

Your Special Committee to whom were referred the booklets, "Sealed unto Christ" and "Our Marriage Service," and the books entitled "Heaven" and "Ned Hampden," offers the following report:

We have examined these publications and heartily commend them to the attention of the pastors of the Synod, as very suitable books for constant use and deserving of a wide circulation.

"Sealed unto Christ" is a confirmation manual, designed to impress more indelibly upon the minds of the young the significance

of this holy rite in entering upon the duties of full church membership.

"Our Marriage Service" is a neat little book, containing the ceremony of our church, and a certificate intended to take the place of the old-fashioned marriage certificate.

The book entitled "Heaven" is a work by Rev. R. C. Zartman, which is full of instruction and helpful suggestions, and which, we believe, will be read with interest and profit.

"Ned Hampden" is a book by Rev. I. A. Sites, on the subject of "Intemperance." A book that should be widely circulated, especially among the young.

We recommend that the book entitled "Heaven" be donated to Allentown College for Women, and the book entitled "Ned Hampden" to Bethany Orphan Home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BLACK, *Chairman.*

Allentown College for Women.

On the second day of Synod's session, J. H. Apple, President of a Women's College at Frederick, Md., addressed Synod on the subject of the "Higher Education of Women;" and on the third day Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, President of Allentown College for Women, spoke on the same subject, earnestly urging strenuous efforts to increase the patronage of the institution, whereupon the following preamble and resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Allentown College for Women is the only institution within the bounds of this Synod which is exclusively devoted to the higher education of young women; and whereas, we are pleased to hear of its increasing prosperity; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby request our people to give it their encouragement, sympathy and support.

Resolved, That the pastors be kindly requested to call the attention of their people to this institution, and that they be also asked to send the names and addresses of persons who have daughters to be educated to the President, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, so that it may become more widely known and its sphere of usefulness enlarged.

Entertainment of Synod.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That Synod shall entertain itself, and that the Classes be requested to provide for the expenses of their respective delegates.

The resolution after considerable discussion was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Jno. M. Titzel, H. T. Spangler, and Elder H. M. Housekeeper.

The committee presented its report. It was laid on the table for one year. The report is as follows to wit:

Your committee to which was referred the matter of Synod's Entertainment during its meetings, begs leave to report the following action for adoption by your reverend body:

WHEREAS, It is becoming more and more difficult to secure free entertainment for the members of Synod during its seesion, and

WHEREAS, Such entertainment imposes a heavy burden upon the members of the Church where Synod meets; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter Synod provides for its own entertainment during its meetings.

Resolved, That the amount necessary for securing entertainment be annually apportioned upon the Classes in the same way as other contingent expenses are apportioned.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod, together with the pastor or pastors of the place where Synod meets, be constituted a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of the members of the Synod at as reasonable terms as possible.

Resolved, That the sum of $750 be apportioned upon the Classes at this meeting for defraying the expense of entertaining Synod at its next meeting. By order of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman*.

Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.

On the second day's session, the presence of Rev. Geo. W. MacLaughlin, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, was announced and permission given him to address the Synod. He presented Synod with the Report of the Society. This report was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. John. H. Sechler, D. D., C. H. Coon, and Elder J. G. Brown, who subsequently presented its report, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee to which was referred the 49th Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, presents the following for your consideration:

From the report we glean some interesting facts, and learn particu-

larly the nature and purport of the Society. The Society was founded in 1843, and incorporated in 1846. It is under the supervision of men of different religious denominations. Its object is to maintain a Christian home for sailors; to carry on missionary work among seamen in port; to furnish libraries for ships; to care for the shipwrecked and destitute, and in every possible way improve the condition of the 3,000,000 seamen claiming our sympathy and Christian efforts.

The Home for sailors is one of the important features of the Society's operations. It will lodge 60 seamen, and nearly 600 of this class of men are accommodated annually. They are here shielded from temptation to intoxicating drink; furnished with Bibles and other religious books, and invited to attend a religious service in the Home every Thursday evening. Inducements are presented to the seamen who come to the Home, to deposit their money in bank, or with the lessee of the Home. The purpose of this is to teach economy and lessen the power of temptation. During the year, May, 1892—May, 1893, the amount deposited by seamen with the lessee was $2,858.

Another very important feature is the library on the ship for the use of sailors. This feature of the work is known as the "Loan Ship Library." Such library consists of from 24 to 38 books of biography, of travel and adventure, of popular science, of history, of story and of religion. In each library are placed two Bibles, in English and some other language, a dictionary and a few books in foreign languages.

These libraries are furnished by the Society itself, by churches, by Sunday-schools and by other Christian organizations, and the moral influence exerted is most healthy and widely acknowledged. During the last 31 years, 3,599 libraries were shipped, representing 55,174 volumes.

Your committee offers the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That Synod rejoices in the prosperity of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, and most heartily endorses its work.

Resolved, That we cordially commend the Society and its work to our Classes, and through the Classes to our congregations and Sunday-schools, calling special attention to the "Loan Ship Library," and reminding them of the great good they can accomplish by providing such libraries for outgoing ocean-ships.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

Fraternal Greetings.

The pastors of the churches of Lebanon were authorized by Synod to convey its greetings to the Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal Conference now in session in this city: The duty was discharged and the following response was received:

CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
LEBANON, PA., Oct. 20, 1893.

The West District Convention of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church acknowledges with kindly appreciation and gratitude the courteous fraternal greeting from the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now in session in this city.

We esteem it, dear brethren, a sign of the assured growth in interdenominational fellowship and love that must precede the ultimate union of Christ's Church on Earth, that Christian bodies of different names meeting near each other are almost irresistibly drawn into mutual and loving recognition.

We congratulate you on the occurrence of the one hundredth anniversary of your independent ecclesiastical relations in this country, and rejoice with you in the great success which has crowned your labors.

"Grace unto you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the Churches of God."

ROBERT J. CARSON,
WM. B. WOOD,
E. C. GRIFFITHS,
CHARLES ROADS,
JAMES T. SATCHELL.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the members of St. John's, Tabor and St. Mark's Reformed Churches for the cordial and generous hospitality extended to this body during its

annual meeting. The members of Synod will return to their homes with the feeling that the grace of Christian hospitality shines brightly among the graces and virtues which adorn the churches of the goodly city of Lebanon. They will cherish pleasant memories of the many kindnesses of its people, and indulge the hope that the influences of our sessions and social intercourse may promote the prosperity of our churches in this community and the happiness of the homes of our people.

We desire to express our great appreciation of the interest of the several classes of the Sunday-school of St. John's Church, as expressed in the beautiful floral designs which have graced the pulpit and chancel of the Church during the sessions of Synod and hereby extend our thanks to them.

Resolved, That the pastors of the several congregations be requested to read this action from their pulpits on next Lord's Day.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be also tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Lehigh Valley and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies for issuing card orders for tickets at excursion rates to delegates and others attending Synod at reduced rates.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered Mr. A. D. Smith, Superintendent of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad, for the courtesies of the road under his management, as expressed in the delightful excursion trip to Mt. Gretna and the Cornwall mines, given to the Synod during its sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to Revs. A. Noll, M. A. Peters, W. J. Muir and O. H. E. Rauch, who by appointment of the President, served as reporters, for their accurate accounts given of the proceedings of Synod.

The Synodical Roll was called. The persons absent were noted as having been excused. The minutes were then read finally and adopted.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

An invitation was given by the Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., to Synod to hold its next annual sessions in that city. The invitation was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs.

Rufus W. Miller, A. Noll and Elder W. H. Balliet, who submitted the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

Your committee to whom was referred the place of meeting for the annual sessions of Synod in 1894, would respectfully report that but one invitation had been placed in their hands, viz., that from the Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, pastor, and therefore recommend that Synod accept the invitation so heartily given.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally it be to meet in annual session on the 3d Wednesday of October A. D. 1894, at 7:30 P. M., in Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 23d, at 9 P. M., with the singing of a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, the Doxology and the benediction by the President.

JOSEPH H. DUBBS, *President.*

JOHN PHILIP STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS. May 8, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms: Infants.	Baptisms: Adults.	Additions: Confirmed.	Additions: Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions: Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions: Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	Post Office Address.
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	12	649	486										4	25	379		$88			Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville	3	540	250	42		16	10	421	10		10	25	4	25	200		90	$4115	7	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	120	42	20				73	8			8					60	500	6	Bath, Pa.
Thomas C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																				Easton, Pa.
Charles Becker	Without charge																				Philadelphia, Pa.
Horace Daniel	" "																				Nazareth, Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Engaged in Bible work																				Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	341	173	32	1	16	10	285	5		50	9	1	34	373		200	1575	7	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber	. . . . .																				Hazleton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	853	625	28		35	5	553	5			26	5	56	450	1	288	2000	12	Bath, Pa.
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	790	530	38	1	59	18	506	4			16	6	40	440	1	285	1300	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff	Without charge																				Bangor, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	603	280	28		35		379	5		8	13	6	47	370		95	950	10	Effort, Pa.
Henry M. Kieffer, D. D.	Third Street, Easton	1	516	180	11	4	21	15	406	1		2	11	3	50	351		2215	5705	14	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Salem's, Catasauqua	1	280	161	24		12	5	246	1		17	6	1	27	200		351	1255	14	Catasauqua, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	285	87	9		6	5	159	1			9	1	23	145		191	1000	7	Bath, Pa.
John Wolbach	Without charge																				Nazareth, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	430	140	18	1	17	2	390	10		2	7	3	30	350		680	1200	20	Stone Church, Pa.
Gustave A. Schwedes	Christ Church, Bethlehem	1	476	190	15		17	36	380	4		22	6	1	50	340	1	650	3180	18	Bethlehem, Pa.
Silas F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	572	498	30		47	1	503	3			20	3	35	310		128	900	6	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	503	450	39		12	39	350				20	1	26	350		46	1725	6	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	344	207	22	1	3	3	270	2			9	1	18	150	1	137	680	10	Bethlehem, Pa.
Morgan A. Peters	East Mauch Chunk	1	159	80	25		2	5	81	3		10	4	1	21	155		24	2113	10	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
W. H. Wotring	Dryland	2	610	360	28		2	18	515				16	4	35	400	1	263	1583	13	Nazareth, Pa.
George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	2	480	250	40		46		390	4		2	22	4	80	350	1	294	900	12	Bath, Pa.
Charles E. Creitz	Weissport	1	243	120	17		16	4	116			9	4	1	14	110		55	1191	6	Weissport, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	2	270	150	22		9	21	201			4	8	2	35	340		933	2015	20	Bethlehem, Pa.
James B. May	Bangor	2	282	160	24	1	20	35	256	1			4	2	22	178		168	2650	14	Bangor, Pa.
L. M. Kershner	Towamensing	3	475	190	47		45	21	360	9			6	3		290		142	2300	10	Parryville, Pa.
O. P. Steckel	Grace Chapel, Easton	1	127	115	9		6	7	106	6			3	1	23	146		53	641	8	Easton, Pa.
Vacant	Tannersville	4	506	501										4	42	300		33			
"	Hamilton	3	177	95										3	20	140					
John F. DeLong, supply	Rittersville	1	150	100	7		9	2	95	1			7	1		65		36	375	7	Bethlehem, Pa.
Thos. A. Fenstermaker, licent'te.	. . . . .																				Philadelphia, Pa
Peter E. Heimer, licentiate	. . . . .																				
S. F. Hartzell, licentiate	. . . . .																				
Ministers, 30. Licentiates, 3.	Charges, 25.	50	10781	6443	575	9	454	262	7041	83		136	250	66	778	6882	6	$7505	$40453	249	

Licentiate S. F. Hartzell was dismissed to East Susquehanna Classis, and Licentiate Peter E. Heimer to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, the former at the annual meeting, and the latter at a special meeting, August 31st, 1893.

LEBANON CLASSIS. May 11, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	Post Office Address.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.	Annville	1	565	350	11	8	24	1	501	6			21	4	50	325		$506 00	$1600	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1450	900	66	2	86	10	1398	25		30	48	18		500	1	286 00	3500	24	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge																			1	Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	" "				2													7 00		1	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	" "																				Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.
Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	350	100	33				284	4			14	2	15	120		44 00	500	9	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	800	800	100	14	61	28	625	15	5		33	7	50	600		281 00	500	25	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	691	301	30	2	11	16	623	3			13	4	20	350		243 00	1430	20	Cocena Lebanon Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1180	600	70	3	75	5	1091	51			41	6	70	650	1	130 00	2050	12	115 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	585	430	26	2	30	5	546	14	17		24	4		480	1	213 00	1520	23	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	996	568	32				925	30			24	5		400	4	275 00	1350	14	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	59	65			20		53	1			1	1	7	103		67 48	62	5	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
David U. Wolff*	Without charge																			1	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert	Swatara	4	485	250	15	5	17	3	354	2			16	4	40	330		131 71	1195	18	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp	Mount Tabor, Lebanon	1	910	490	34	2	23	12	520	39			31	1	65	730		786 00	2823	15	1024 Chestnut St., Leb., Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	733	201	35	1	58	5	697				29	7	78	378	1	85 22	1237	24	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St. John's, Lebanon	1	331	176	6		7	11	245	1	10		1	1	45	235	1	1036 76	3859	15	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Myerstown	1	563	157	11	8	42	10	385	12			7	1	42	300	1	168 00	1055	15	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Elwood E. Kemp	Pres. of Palatinate Col.																				Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	348	165	19	1	28	47	243	14			9	1	34	400		146 75	1785	9	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon., Pa.
Franklin H. Fisher†	Licentiate																				
. . . . .	Bethel‡	4	690	400	15	1	17		482				5	4	25	350	1	41 47	200	12	
. . . . .	Belleman congregation§	1	375	250	12				351				8					58 00	300	5	
Ministers, 20.	Charges, 16.	51	11111	6203	519	49	499	153	9322	217		62	315	70	541	6251	11	$4506 39	$24966	268	

* Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis September 5, 1893. † Dismissed to Wyoming Classis October 18, 1893. Rev. Henry Hillbish received from the Classis of Philadelphia October 18, 1893 ‡ Supplied by a committee. § Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler.

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G. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D.	Without charge																				Lancaster, Pa.
H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D.	" "																				Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Jeriah S. Shade	" "																				1024 Oxford St., Philadelphia.
Elias D. Shoemaker	" "																				1850 Van Pelt St., "
Jos. H. Hendricks	Trinity, Collegeville	1	230			10	2	3	217	5			2	2	32	300	1	$525	$1923	15	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.*																					Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa.
Cyrus Cort, D. D.	St. John's, Del.	1	60	25	2				36					1	12	113			165	6	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
" supply	Eastern Shore, Md.	1																			" " "
Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.	Pub. Church Periodicals.																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia.
James Crawford, D. D.	Christ Church	1	201	65	9		5	6	180	5			2	1	20	150		986	3639	12	1714 Mt. Vernon Ave., Phila.
Josiah D. Detrich	Union Ch., White Marsh.	1	205	40	11	7	9	3	180	2			4	1	18	120		250	750	10	Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.
" supply	St. Luke's, North Wales.	1	215	48	11	7	17	6	180	7				1	27	225		130	800	10	" " "
John H. Sechler, D. D.	First Ch., Philadelphia	1	258	30	14	3	10	20	236	12		13	2	1	37	232	2	1210	4498	16	714 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.
Henry T. Spangler	Pres. Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without charge																				Montgomery Sq. Mont. Co., Pa.
Chas. H. Coon	Trinity, Philadelphia	1	482	20	31	15	32	28	402	15		28	6	1	52	532		9283	5385	18	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	204	58	13	3	8	2	154	2		9	5	1	26	233		650	2 60	9	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yost	St. John's, Phœnixville	1	130	30	11	6	8	9	120			3	1	1	19	200		105	1179	10	Phœnixville, Chester Co., Pa.
David U. Wolff	Boehm's	1	284	112	7	2	4	2	258	3			3	1	22	154	2	932	1342	13	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co, Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Ascension	1	432	170	15	11	29	7	379	7			7	2	42	407		1370	2600	15	Norristown, " "
Cosmos Herbst	Without charge																				Pottstown, " "
Rufus C. Zartman	Heidelberg	1	728	200	16	7	17	28	619	16		1	5	1	53	803	4	1484	7835	15	1635 N. 19th St., Philadelphia.
Geo. Stibitz, Ph. D.	Prof Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Silas L. Messinger	Pleasantville	1	281	106	25	5	19	16	239	9		18	4	1	21	165	3	503	1119	6	Eureka, "
John A. Mertz	St. Vincent and Linfield.	2	208	57	8	1	2	7	183	11			2	2	39	235		121	1325	18	Linfield, "
E. Clark Hibshman	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	274	30	2	2	2	5	227	6			5	1	23	165		1726	1829	10	Trappe, "
Wilson Delaney	Bethel	1	186	75	15	2	20	30	105	7		7		1	18	315		156	1019	12	2110 Tasker St., Philadelphia.
Geo. H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	110	73	1		1					2	2	1	16	110		103	996	10	Shenkel's, Chester Co., Pa.
Jos. Duckworth	Without charge																				18th and McKean Sts., Phila.
Chas. B. Alspach†																					Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hibshman	St. Mark's	1	79	39	4		1	12	76	2		5		2	30	236		92	1034	10	Prospectville, Mont. Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck	St Matthew's	2	218	32	11	4	9	2	202	5		6	7	2	29	186		2421	1330	10	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Calvin U. O. Derr	First Church, Spring City	1	240	20		14	24	33	175	1		3	1	1	30	240		1585	4035	12	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
Henry Tesnow	Messiah	1	93	18	13	5	21	40	75					1	22	232		38	1253	8	1610 S. 13th St., Philadelphia.
Albert S. Bromer	Grace	1	223	86	13	8	22	29	191	22		19	2	1	31	339		180	3025	12	614 Diamond St., "
Henry H. Apple	Church of the Strangers	1	153	63	5	3	6	14	118	18		39	2	1	17	125		45	1246	10	4123 Powellton Ave., "
Edward F. Weist	East Vincent and Pikel'd	2	123						123	6		10	4	2	24	126		206	1042	10	Kimberton, Chester Co., Pa.
Jesse H. String	Calvary	1	34	11	11	1	7	14	34					1	12	160				5	2546 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia.
Vacant	Brownback's	2	270	55	4	3	8	1	180	9		8	5	2	24	170		351	1225	18	
		31	5921	1463	257	119	283	317	4889	170		171	71	33	696	6273	12	$22452	$52774	300	

* Called to Reformed Church, Stroudsburg, Pa.

† Called to Reformed Church, Danville, Pa.

LANCASTER CLASSIS. April 13, 1893.

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Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.	St. Stephen's	1	87	13	1			10	85									$226	$167	6	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore Appel, D. D.	Author																				" "
Alfred B. Shenkle	Without charge																				Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D. D.	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	65	25	3	2	3	3	56				2	1	7	58		280	939	4	Harrisburg, Pa.
Thomas G. Apple, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. in Theol. Seminary																				Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Titzel, D. D.	First Church, Lancaster.	1	462	146	12		15	4	350	2			5	1	30	275		1021	3000	16	" "
Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				" "
Frederick A. Gast, D. D.	Prof. in Theol. Seminary																				" "
Lucian J. Mayer	Reamstown	4	441	253	23	10	19	4	355	2		5	4	4	39	393		182	970	45	Denver, Lancaster Co., Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions																				Lancaster, Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard	Willow Street	2	372	100	8	12	22	4	282	7			5	2	48	365	1	1000	1000	16	" "
Frederick Pilgram	Bethany	3	232	106	7	1	1	2	161	2		158	8	1	6	50		44	342	13	Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer	Muddy Creek	4	685	380	34	9	37		593	3			23	4	50	285		84	1011	8	Ephrata, " "
Ellis N. Kremer	Salem, Harrisburg	1	455	150	14	5	19	15	345	19		5	7	1	45	329		505	4062	16	Harrisburg, Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	First Church, Steelton	1	151	85	23	5	13	9	128	5		7	9	1	21	230		64	1014	6	Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John S. Stahr, Ph. D., D. D.	Pres. F. and M. College.																				Lancaster, Pa.
John M Souder	New Providence	2	248	149	3	5	8	8	220	1			2	2	28	205		924	928	13	N. Providence, Lanc. Co., Pa
Jonathan H. Pannebecker	Trinity, Columbia	1	291	200	24	3	10	9	199	1		6	3	1	29	260		178	1310	10	Columbia, "
William F. Lichliter	St Luke's, Lancaster	1	197	210	21	3	21	9	133	2			7	3	73	609		95	1115	10	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, D. D.	Missionary to Japan																				Sendai, Japan.
* Samuel M. Roeder	Christ Ch., Elizabethtown	1	154	60	3	3	4	3	121	6		1	3	1	22	91		238	815	12	Elizabetht'n, Lanc. Co., Pa.
George Merle Zacharias	Without charge																				Baltimore, Md.
David B. Schneder	Missionary to Japan																				Sendai, Japan.
Rufus W. Miller	Hummelstown	4	350	150	4	4	27	21	303	5			5	5	49	361	2	460	5600	16	Hummelst'n, Dauph. Co., Pa
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lancaster	1	528	200	8	4	17	9	470	7		1		1	44	475	2	1995	3800	16	Lancaster, Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman	Second Ch., Harrisburg.	1	175	98	9	3	8	18	134			3	6	2	52	438		233	1451	18	Harrisburg, Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. and M. Col.																				Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt	" " "																				" "
† Milton M. Noacher	Maytown	2	142	102	7	6	14	7	126	4		1		2	38	182		318	1440	6	Maytown, Lanc. Co., Pa.
‡ Supplied	Millersville	2	244	86		1		4	240	4			6	2	20	130	1	112	811	14	Millersville, " "
Daniel W. Albright	Manheim	2	255	35	4	2	2	2	211	5			4	2	54	354	2	220	1731	8	Manheim, " "
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.	New Holland	3	324	223	19	9	18	9	172	2		5	6	3	41	248		160	925	14	New Holland, " "
Supplied	Marietta	1	80	89	7				57				5	1	9	80				6	Marietta, " "
		39	5008	2860	234	87	258	150	4741	77		192	111	40	714	5421	8	$3339	$32231	273	

* Dismissed May 12, 1893, to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac. ‡Rev. B. Howard Roth received May 12, 1893, from East Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio; now pastor at Millersville. † Dismissed to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, September 20, 1893.

Licentiate Chas. H. Slingloff was received, August 7, 1893, from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac; ordained and installed at Marietta, August 13, 1893.

Licentiate Benjamin M. Meyer was ordained and installed at Elizabethtown, August 20, 1893.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. June 19, 1893.

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Rudolph Duenger, D. D.	Without charge																				Ashland, Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstine	Mahanoy	5	397	223	49		53	6	343	1		15	16	6	32	232		$207	$857	20	Mahanoy, Pa.
George B. Dechant	Numidia	3	350	280	30	1	20	5	305	6		6	8	5	37	360		175	3550	16	Catawissa, Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	338	165	22	1	6	20	307	7		8	7	1	32	298		332	1898	15	Sunbury, Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Millersburg	3	418	220	17		13	7	319	8			7	3	32	290	2	227	900	18	Millersburg, Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	258	160	21		14	1	240	5			12	4		90		125	1300	8	Sunbury, Pa.
Simon P. Brown	Uniontown	4	450	200	39	4	37	1	365	3			11	4	30	260		293	800	16	Pillow, Pa.
William G. Engle	Deep Creek	4	162	56	24		1		123				9	3	19	185		57	675	12	Hegins, Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	410	210	53	1	48	8	322				27	4	40	255		111	2350	14	Ringtown, Pa.
John A. Danner	Mt. Carmel	4	260	250	38			22	225	5			17	4	32	260		101	1280	20	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich	Line Mountain	5	305	281	26		9	7	240	3		35	10	8	40	135		87	1567	5	Line Mountain, Pa.
Raymond E. Butz	Catawissa	1	153	90	8	1	14	5	120	1		9	1	1	15	147		167	900	12	Catawissa, Pa.
Charles B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	618	766	118		43	29	547	10		1	29	1	55	775	1	876	2789	20	Shamokin, Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	589	436	45		32		487				15	4	40	340	2	328	1375	17	Elizabethville, Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel	Tower City	3	124	75	9		7	3	75				4	3	33	181	1	49	1936	18	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	360	345	46		44	16	319	1			12	1	26	250		296	1354	12	Ashland, Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Armstrong Valley	4	191	110	2			3	150					4	20	183		13		17	Fisherville, Pa.
Supply.																					
John J. Stauffer	Klinger's	1	80	55	4		16		72				3	1	5	35		25	125		
Raymond E. Butz	St. Matthew's	1	30	7	1				30				1						48		
William G. Engle	Coleman's	1	40	12	6		10		30				3	1	3	25		12	55		
Ministers, 17.	Charges, 16.	54	5533	3941	558	8	367	133	4619	50		74	192	58	491	4301	6	$3475	$25759	240	

Licentiate Samuel F. Hartzel received from East Pennsylvania Classis, June 15, 1893. Rev. Tilghman Derr dismissed to West Susquehanna Classis, September 19, 1893.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. October 18, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod		Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Congregation'l Purposes.	Benevolent Purposes.	English.	German.	
Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.	Prin. Penn Hall Acad.																					Spring Mills, Pa.
William W. Clouser	White Deer	3	278	195	78	7	9	3	270	11			14	3	31	155		$406	$105	25		White Deer Mills, Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	451	395	32	2	19		430	5			7	6	40	390		1100	3[illegible]3	10		Selinsgrove, Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	5	566	260	25		35	8	488	1		16	6	5	34	305	1	1[illegible]08	279	38		Beaver Springs, Pa.
John Dotterer	Disabled																					Lamar, Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	403	263	15	2	8	10	307	6			8	3	38	190		1118	355	24		Boalsburg, Pa.
*Lewis Robb	St. John's, Williamsport.	1	234	110	14	2	11	12	213	1		3		1	13	250	1	2410	215	12		Williamsport, Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Centre Hall	4	326	150	11	4	15	21	301	18		1	6	4	54	263	2	1408	133	20		Centre Hall, Pa.
†George E. Addams	Aaronsburg	5	275	186	10		8	8	222	12			1	5	51	300		1490	261	25		Aaronsburg, Pa.
Miles O. Noll	Bellefonte	2	285	120	10	3	10	13	230	10			2	2	18	180		1600	718	17		Bellefonte, Pa.
James R. Brown	Rebersburg	5	375	178	17		27	11	320	9		3	9	5	57	362	2	769	322	28		Rebersburg, Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	5	379	155	26	4	19	14	311	13			5	5	36	330		600	200	16		New Berlin, Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	Liverpool	7	262	170	20		3		196	1			10	7	31	133		352	59	14	2	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.
Irvin W. Hendricks	Lewisburg	1	285	70	8	2	17	15	236	16			6	1	20	225		1207	430	15		Lewisburg, Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Nittany Valley	5	287	177	23	1	11	5	262	2			3	5	39	283		1205	222	23		Walker, Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	3	450	250	31	9	54	41	389	9		50	14	3	48	359		1781	500	24		Mifflinburg, Pa.
Vacant	Lock Haven	2	210	120	19		14	2	108				4	2	28	215		1056	140	8	8	Lock Haven, Pa.
William E. Hoy	Foreign Missionary																					Sendai, Japan.
‡Samuel H. Deitzel	Licentiate																					Tusseyville, Pa.
§W. Harry Landis	"																					Beaver Springs, Pa.
‖George E. Limbert	"																					Madisonburg, Pa.
¶James M. Runkle	"																					Spring Mills, Pa.
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 15.	58	5086	2899	339	36	260	163	4283	114		73	95	57	538	3880	6	$17710	$4462	299	10	

* Dismissed to Juniata Classis.
† Dismissed to Schuylkill Classis.
‡ Dismissed to Westmoreland Classis.
§ Dismissed to Juniata Classis.
‖ Dismissed to St. Paul's Classis.
¶ Dismissed to Carlisle Classis.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS. May 9, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	*New Goshenhoppen	2	1000	400	40	6	54	6	890	5			35	2	25	400		†$3842	$1450	27	East Greenville, Mont. Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	775	650	70	1	42	22	675	12		1	35	2	75	700	1	840	4345	20	Pottstown, "
Augustus L. Dechant	Old Goshenhoppen	4	885	410	44	11	51	12	698	18		12	20	5	69	810	5	389	1710	15	Pennsburg, "
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	500	190	19	19	27	5	450	8			18	2		315	1	329	1100	10	Skippackville, "
Eli Keller, D. D.	Zionsville	4	1000	680	62	2	74	6	850	18			28	4	42	300		334	1490	23	Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	792	415	73		25	6	608	4			11	5	33	230		353	1223	18	Oley, Berks Co., Pa.
‡Cosmos H. Herbst	Pottstown	2	485	325	36	2	14	11	280	18		32	19	2	56	295		20	1500	10	Pottstown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	332	200	32		18	22	270	6		8	8	1	35	195		345	2428	13	" "
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	3	700	540	19		39	12	523	14			22	7	42	452		320	1835	16	Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa.
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	2	557	269	18		6	2	380	15			14	4	33	225	1	153	1490	24	" "
J. Lucian Roush	Ass't to A. L. Dechant																				Pennsburg, Mont. Co., Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Royersford	1	97	52	12	8	17	33	90				1	1	20	160		15	416	6	Royersford, "
Vacant	Hill	2	335		33		22		212	4			20	2	18	115		65	600	12	Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa.
§Vacant	Schwenksville	1	227	70	9				212				6	1		115	3	90	500	6	Schwenksville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Lawrence D. Leberman	Without charge																				Girard Ave. and 7th St., Phil'a.
‖Robert C. Weaver, supply.	Chestnut Hill	1	167	79	8	1	7		90	1			3	1	12	75	1	20	179	6	Bethlehem, Northam. Co., Pa.
Ministers, 13; supply, 1.	Charges, 15; supplied, 1.	30	7792	4280	475	50	597	137	6308	123		53	240	39	470	4387	12	$7115	$20266	206	

* Dr. Weiser resigned; the Trinity congregation of Great Swamp was detached from the charge and constituted a charge in connection with Chestnut Hill congregation, May 11; Rev. George B. Walbert was received from Schuylkill Classis, June 20, 1893, and installed as pastor of the New Goshenhoppen charge. † Includes a legacy of $3000 from Jesse Gery. ‡ Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, May 11, 1893, and charge divided. § Licentiate W. B. Werner was received from Lehigh Classis, September 4, 1893, ordained and installed as pastor of the Schwenksville charge. ‖ Member of East Pennsylvania Classis; Chestnut Hill congregation was connected with the Great Swamp charge, May 11, 1893.

TOHICKON CLASSIS. May 12, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
David Rothtrock	Without charge																				Bethlehem, Pa.
S. K. Gross	Schlichtersville	1	222	109	7	1	13	3	186	3	1	1	9	1	15	55		$33 00	$314 00	10	Schlichter's, Pa.
Levi C. Sheip	Salem	1	155	110	5	1	1	4	135	6			3	1	20	130		70 00	550 00	10	Doylestown, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	799	525	36	5	28		707	8			31	3	31	305	2	404 82	1414 71	20	Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	102	45	5	2	17	2	73	2			3	1	14	60		24 00	175 00	6	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	554	300	27		6	13	494	4		3	21	2	52	490	1	334 00	1650 00	12	Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	349	80	11	6	28	2	343	2			9	3	45	325		323 07	1250 00	16	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D. D.	Lower Saucon	4	545	425	31		14	12	480	3			12	6	56	395		483 70	2981 70	12	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seiple	Hilltown	2	398	214	20	8	25	4	396				11	3	40	320	1	123 00	1270 00	12	Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	251	163	6				225	3			2	1	24	241		1734 00	1980 00	12	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothtrock	Lansdale	1	227	63	11	2	8	3	198	6		3	4	1	22	264		147 00	1194 00	9	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	732	430	48	1	61	15	665	3			21	8	40	330	1	232 00	1560 00	18	Coopersburg, Pa.
Samuel H. Phillips	Durham	3	540	320	18		38	14	430	1			10	3	28	280	2	315 00	1235 00	15	Durham, Pa.
Jonathan W. Miller	St. Peter's	1	291	196	28	2	12	14	269	1			4	1	48	248		132 00	1206 00	12	South Easton, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	566	250	31	3	31	4	437	4			13	4	20	150		150 65	880 00	20	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	289	155	7		3	1	249	5		4	7	3	26	210		44 00	3228 00	14	Frenchtown, N. J.
Charles B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	635	275	19	3	18	4	482	3		11	6	5	37	205	1	876 00	973 00	15	Kintnersville, Pa.
David Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	420	300	31		18	7	225				18	1	33	200		83 00	1131 00	16	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, licentiate	Trumbaursville	3	440	300	5				280					6	32	175		60 00	830 00	16	Quakertown, Pa.
" supply	Leidy's	1	160	60	3			1	150				6	1	15	70		70 15	382 00	8	
		38	7615	43.0	349	34	321	103	6424	54		22	205	54	578	4953	8	$5639 39	23704 41	253	

Rev. S. K. Gross died September 24, 1893.

LEHIGH CLASSIS. May 15, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members	Baptisms Infants.	Baptisms Adults.	Additions Confirmed.	Additions Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	Post Office Address.
Wm. A. Helffrich, D. D.	Ziegel's	5	1000	700	72	1	106		985	80			75	10		360	5	$640	$4000	10	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	300	130	40		8		250				30			200		61	1000	20	Maxatawny, Berks Co., Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D. D.	Egypt	4	1175	530	68		81	10	920	15			28	9	53	570		488	2500	24	529 Turner St., Allentown, Pa.
Abraham Bartholomew	Mahoning	5	755	425	81		60		623				20	23		425		505	4300	30	Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.
E. J. Fogel	Jordan	4	900	500	41		57		858	10			31	8			1	481	1500	20	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
S. G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's, Allentown	1	618	251	21	1	33	12	466	8		6	6	1	63	427	3	1618	3683	20	24 S. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
A. J. G. Dubbs, D. D.	Disabled																				523 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss	Lenhartsville	4	557	208	36				512	5		10	21	6	73	267		125	1500	12	Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	St. Mark's	1	150	100	13			10	95	1			7	1	14	100		39	350	7	911 Hamilton St., Allent'n, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.	Supt. Pub. Instruc. Pa.																				Harrisburg, Pa.
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	755	570	96		27		625				32	9		570	4	207	1200	20	Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa
Nevin W. Helffrich	His father's assistant																				Fogelsville, " "
John H. Leinbach	St. John's, Kutztown	1	270	135	20				235	6			15	1		130		114	700	10	Reading, Pa.
Moses H. Diefenderfer	Christ, Allentown	1	225	135	39		16	7	186	5		15	6	1	29	212		87	500	18	167 Turner St., Allentown, Pa.
Neri F. Peters	Slatington	1	520	300	40		28	25	410	6		11	21	1	38	365	2	700	2000	14	Slatington, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Julius C. J. Kurtz	Without charge																				1014 Penn St., Reading, Pa.
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's, Lehighton	1	529	370	40		20	14	308	4		2	10	1	36	417	1	214	1082	15	Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.
Henry D. Kurtz	Without charge																				239 N. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
C. Ernest Wagner[9]	His father's assistant																				24 S. 7th St., " "
M. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	3	530	175	36	1	64		409		1	25	18	3		500		553	1350	30	Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa.
Tobias Kessler	Without charge																				320 N. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's, Allentown	1	1300	500	112	2	118	71	1075	15		143	43	1	81	1339	2	2780	3500	25	141 N. 7th St., " "
Thos. J. Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	770	520	28	1	20	27	580	7			12	1	41	692		723	3291	20	906 Walnut St., " "
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School																				Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa.
S. U. Mitman	Trinity Mem., Allentown	1	73	50	4		4	19	50	6			2	1	20	225		20	411	12	41 N. 11th St., Allentown, Pa.
Chas. E. Schaeffer	Emaus	2	400	300	37	5	53	27	300	3			6	2	35	350		430	1215	20	Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. W. Knappenberger	Pres. Al'nt'n Col. for Wom																				N. 4th St., Allentown, Pa.
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	630	310	23	1	59	8	580	5			7	4	62	390		330	2225	46	Maxatawny, Berks Co., Pa.
	Macungie[1]	2	430	210	34		16		261	3				6	35	275		119		20	
	Frieden's[2]	1	200		5		19		142				5	3		125		47		10	
	St. Peter's[3]	1	100	40	5		8		85	3			3	1		40		10	160	10	
	Summit Hill[4]	2	119	152	7		5		69				6	2	33	238		15	268	16	
Geo. A. Dreibelbies[8]																					Carrothers, Seneca Co., O.
Marsby J. Roth[5]																					Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa.
Wm. C. Sykes[6]																					Burkettsville, Md.
Wm. B. Werner[10]																					Mountain, Berks Co., Pa.
Franklin H. Ruloff[7]																					Nanticoke, Pa.
		54	12306	6651	928	12	612	234	10024	182	1	212	404	95	618	8187	18	$10006	$36735	429	

[1] Statistical report based on report of last year, and Jerusalem congregation supplied by Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, and Trexlertown congregation by Rev. M. H. Brensinger. [2] Supplied by committee, viz., Revs. N. W. Helffrich, E. J. Fogel and N. F. Peters. [3] Supplied by Rev. John H. Leinbach. [4] Pastor ordained and installed June 15, 1892. [5] Ordained

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS. May 1, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes.	Post Office Address.
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A. S. Leinbach, D. D.	Schwartzwald	5	1780	765	124	1	28		1617	20			48	8	85	630	2	$579	$1350	10	45 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa.
B. Bausman, D. D.	St. Paul's Memorial	1	725	300	25		18	28	600	8			7	1	66	450		3250	11982	13	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
H. A. Keyser, D. D.	St. Paul's	1	850	750	102	1	59	10	750	10		10	44	1	65	750	2	425	2300	12	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Henry Leisse	Bethany	3	395	225	30		8		273				18	3	27	190		133	700	12	Orwigsburg, Pa.
H. Mosser, D. D.	First	1	1192	800	51	4	64	36	1012	26		50	41	1	116	663	1	3504	4157	16	611 Wash. St. Reading, Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz	St. John's	1	530	430	32	1	28	20	402	10		8	15	1	50	465		300	4400	14	Reading, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew	Trinity	1	475	250	38	1	33	34	338	7			7	1	39	390	1	401	4500	16	5 N. 6th St., Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity	1	258	165	27	1	11	5	198	2			8	1	20	180	1	135	3765	12	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	709	421	51	1	52	9	589	10	2	11	22	6	34	361		406	3141	22	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's	1	528	340	38	4	29	37	419	13		13	3	1	50	632	1	658	1750	8	508 N. 9th St., Re'ding, Pa.
O. H. Sprunck	St. John's	1	335	165	19		22	10	275	9		7	9	1	40	270		322	6000	10	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
G. W. Gerhard	Hamburg	2	444	294	12		21	8	315	5			6	2	48	335		129	1061	10	Hamburg, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	First	1	240	150	13			3	125			13	17	1	25	150		34	900	12	Pottsville, Pa.
*G. B. Walbert	Orwigsburg	2	232	120	8	2	9	1	175			4	3	2	31	210	1	138	1328	14	Orwigsburg, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's	2	240	190	25		7	1	210				20	2	57	250	1	120	1150	11	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	240	150	19		15	8	150			30	8	1	38	248		111	1364	8	Cressona, Pa.
†S. A. Leinbach	Leesport	2	355	200	19		24		328	18			7	2		115		160	750	12	326 N. 5th St., Re'ding, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	Riverside Mission	2	297	170	10	3	40	54	264	2		16		2	49	429		92	5669	10	Reading, Pa.
T. J. Bower	St. Clair	3	191	230	23	2	9	16	129	7		15	25	3	32	300		56	2375	14	Frackville, Pa.
J. I. Good, D. D.	Calvary	1	162	118	6	2	14	29	158				1	1	24	360	1	80	3201	10	Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	441	400	22	14	47	65	390	9		11	1	1	58	600		1200	1800	9	Reading, Pa.
. . . . .	Pine Grove	2	366	301	22		7		209	3			12	2	40	215		208	713	10	Pine Grove, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Tremont	3	368	251	43		39	8	286	1		13	5	3	39	265	1	78	765	10	Tremont, Pa.
R. O'Boyle	Trinity	1	340	261	51	3	30	2	275	5		11	3	1	15	260		74	1400	10	Shenandoah, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh	Second	1	600	300	5	4	38	55	510	38		2	11	1	63	515	2	4510	3700	18	Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas	1	163	50	18	1	27	49	144	3		6	2	1	26	280		30	1060	8	Reading, Pa.
. . . . .	Emanuel's	1	100	70	4				80				1	1	16	90			225	4	Minersville, Pa.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	192	80	13	2	48	144	179				1	2		460		60	375	8	Reading, Pa.
†R. S. Apple	Mohrsville	1	20	7					20										81		Hamburg, Pa.
†J. J. Fisher	Christ's	1	171	165	17		13	2	148	1			3	3	18	135		12	190		Tamaqua, Pa.
"	St. Peter's	1	40	35	4				36				3	2	11	95		4	110		
"	Zion's	1	28	30	2	1	7		23	1		2		1	10	38		7	32		
†M. H. Mishler	. . . . .																				Boyertown, Pa.
H. K. Miller, missionary	. . . . .																				Sendai, Japan.
H. K. Binkley	Without charge																				New Berlin, Pa.
D. M. Jones§	Licentiate																				Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	"																				McKeansburg, Pa.
		52	13007	8183	873	48	747	636	10627	208	2	207	351	59	1192	10361	14	$17226	$71694	323	

* Dismissed to Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, June 19, 1893. † Supply. ‡ Dismissed to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East. § Dismissed to Iowa Classis, Synod of Interior (not yet received).

WYOMING CLASSIS. June 7, 1893.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Alfred Houtz	Orangeville	4	321	131	12	1	10	3	290	10		8	5	4	42	240		$245	$800	12	Ora'g'ville, Columbia Co., Pa.
Franklin K. Levan, D. D.	Wilkesbarre	1	478	423	30	2	24	16	300	6		18	9	2	30	215		200	1300	12	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer	Weatherly	2	480	300	65		32	8	325	2		6	20	1	25	380		143	1258	12	Weatherly, Pa.
Daniel E. Schoedler	Turbotville	3	498	372	15	4	31	10	365	12			5	2	32	250	2	331	2564	28	Turbotville, Pa.
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	373	138	17	13	37	8	316	10		5	2	2	42	371	1	360	3449	14	Watsontown, Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Conyngham	4	794	489	57	2	32	1	612				19	4	35	350	1	410	1020	8	Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa.
George W. Kerschner	Christ Church	1	109	18	6	1	2	2	65					1	9	75		67	800	6	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
Aaron Noll	Hazleton	1	170	141	24		8	10	152	4		22	1	1	18	198		192	2379	10	Hazleton, Pa.
George H. Miller*	Overton	3	210	104	23	7	13	3	119	1			1	3	17	111	1	57	535	12	Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.
David W. Ebbert	Milton	1	370	137	8	2	13	11	309	4		2	7	1	29	302		282	3803	12	Milton, Pa.
W. D. Donat	Wapwallopen	6	503	271	36	2	21	2	428	1		4	5	7	65	328		324	1575	18	W'pw'llop'n, Luzerne Co., Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Emanuel	2	253	135	14	4	18	8	231	10		21	14	2	32	202		159	664	12	St'wb'y Rid'e, M'nt'r Co., Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	151	137	17	3	12		110				16	1	10	140		35	666	7	Plymouth, Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Freeland	2	326	345	39	3	37	13	227	1		5	7	1	28	234		102	1387	17	Freeland, Pa.
W. H. Stubblebine	Scranton	1	42	20			1	2	25			2						19	196	9	620 Quincy Ave., Scr't'n, Pa.
C. H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	189	96	10	3	16	11	132	7			4	1	21	165		137	600	8	Bloomsburg, Pa.
A. Houtz (supply)	Brier Creek	1	39	15	6			1	31			2	2					20	65	3	Orangeville, C'l'mbia Co., Pa.
Vacant	Danville	1	501	249	11	3	7	11	365	15			5	3	56	301		558	2282	25	Danville, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff†	Nanticoke	1	132	105	15		8	6						1	15	100		50	1014	6	Nanticoke, Pa.
S. C. Meckel	Without charge																				51 H'll'back St., Wilk'b'e, Pa.
E. C. Musselman	Licentiate																				Overton, Sullivan Co., Pa.
L. S. Faust‡	Licentiate																				Lim'st'n'ville, M'to'r Co., Pa.
Vacant	Mausdale§	2																			Mausdale, Montour Co., Pa.
Ministers, 17.	Charges, 19.	40	5939	3626	405	50	322	126	4402	83		95	122	37	500	3962	5	$3685	$26354	231	

* Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, July 21, 1893. † Received from Lehigh Classis, July 21, 1893. ‡ Dismissed to Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior, June 12, 1893.
§ Newly formed out of the Danville charge.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1893.

Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.
East Pennsylvania	33	50	10781	6443	575	9	454	262	7041	83		136	259	66	6882	778	6	$7505	$40453
Lebanon	20	51	11111	6203	519	49	499	153	9322	217		62	315	70	6251	541	11	4506	24966
Philadelphia	36	31	5921	1463	257	118	283	317	4889	170		171	71	33	6273	696	12	22452	52774
Lancaster	31	39	5908	2860	234	87	258	150	4741	77		192	111	40	5421	714	8	8339	32231
East Susquehanna	17	54	5533	3941	558	8	367	133	4619	50		74	192	58	4301	491	6	3475	23759
West Susquehanna	21	58	5086	2899	339	36	260	163	4283	114		73	95	57	3880	538	6	4662	17710
Goshenhoppen	13	30	7792	4280	475	50	397	137	6308	123		53	240	39	4387	470	12	7115	20266
Tohickon	18	38	7615	4320	349	34	321	103	6424	54		22	205	54	4953	578	8	5640	23704
Lehigh	33	54	12306	6651	928	12	612	234	10024	182	1	212	404	95	8187	618	18	10006	36735
Schuylkill	31	52	13007	8183	873	48	747	636	10627	208	2	207	351	59	10361	1192	14	17226	71694
Wyoming	19	40	5939	3026	405	50	322	126	4402	83		95	122	37	3962	500	5	3685	26354
Eastern Synod (Total) . . . . . Classes..11	272	497	90999	50869	5512	501	4520	2414	72680	1361	3	1297	2365	608	64858	7116	106	$94611	$370946
Synod of Ohio	108	218	20238	5979	775	470	1036	703	17181	533	9	616	307	203	18053	2702	37	18762	86232
German Synod of Northwest	146	200	19534	13402	1832	25	968	860	14240	139	8	338	417	182	11069		39	14886	117513
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	63	142	15614	9436	943	125	761	690	12938	545	3	296	300	111	10067	446	13	28165
Synod of Potomac	9	161	308	35065	21163	1897	349	1715	916	28830	598		272	790	275	25482	2269	57	40457
German Synod of the East	5	52	47	13225	9489	2138	7	678	634	10901	116		512	554	46	9884	1029	6	7710
Central Synod	4	81	113	18947	11072	1194	31	786	791	13498	188	6	485	416	103	11510	1119	21	12014
Synod of the Interior	5	40	66	2814	1516	164	37	101	106	2653	55	2	75	31	53	2955	475	5	3314
Total, 1893, 8 Synods	55	923	1591	216436	121926	14475	1545	10765	7114	172921	3535	31	3891	5180	1581	154144	15056	284	$219919
Total, 1892, 8 Synods		885	1588	212740	121057	14526	1564	10778	7427	169314	3292	26	3975	6122	1513	149033	11788	285	236322

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN HARRISBURG, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR.

The Sessions commenced on the evening of the 17th, and continuea until noon of the twenty-third day of the month—adjourning at 12.20 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, October 17th, A. D. 1894, at 7:30 P. M., in accordance with the action adopted by the last Synod.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs, from the text recorded in St. John 6: 68, 69, "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Ministers: H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., L. M. Kerschner, Jas. B. May, H. M. Kieffer, D. D., J. O. Lindeman, T. O. Stem.

Elders: L. M. Cortright,[e] Wm. Keller,[e] Samuel Hood, Q. F. Messinger.[d]

II.—From Lebanon Classis.

Ministers: Henry Hilbish,[e] Sam'l A. Leinbach, Wm. J. Kerschner, Thos. C. Leinbach.

Elders: Jno. G. Filbert,[2] Dr. S. P. Heilman,[2] S. M. Hemperly.[2]

III.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Ministers: Jno. H. Sechler, D. D.,[2] Henry T. Spangler, D. D., J. B. Henry, Chas. H. Coon,[d] Francis C. Yost, Geo. Stibitz, Ph. D.

Elders: F. G. Hobson, Esq.,[e] Jacob Y. Dietz, A. W. Bomberger, Esq.,[e] Preston T. Nyce,[e] Andrew J. Baker, A. Schwenk.[d]

IV.—From Lancaster Classis.

Ministers: J. H. Pannebecker, E. N. Kremer, Jas. W. Meminger,[2] D. W. Gerhard, E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., M. H. Sangree.

Elders: Jno. J. Nissley,[2-e] C. W. Myers, Chas. Denues, Esq.,[2] Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph. D., J. F. Orth, John Snavely.[d]

V.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: Simon P. Brown, John A. Danner,[d] Lewis D. Steckel,

Elders: Chas. B. Witmer,[d] Christ. J. Lessig,[e] S. S. Smith.[d]

VI.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: Jas. R. Brown, Miles O. Noll, Tilghman Derr.

Elders: D. K. Miller, W. J. Wagonseller, Jos. Neagley.

VII.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Ministers: Geo. B. Walbert, Chas. S. Wieand, L. K. Evans.

Elders: Llewellyn Leinbach, Geo. F. Stong, Wm. H. Buck.

VIII.—From Tohickon Classes.

Ministers: N. Z. Snyder, A. P. Horn, B. F. Luckenbill,[d] A. B. Koplin.

Elders: C. E. Freed, J. B. Pearson, C. D. Loch.

IX.—From Lehigh Classis.

Ministers: S. U. Mitman,[4] C. E. Schaeffer, Geo. W. Richards, Thos. J. Hacker, Geo. B. Smith.

Elders: Wm. R. Lawfer,[4-e] Dr. L. C. Berkemyer,[2-e] Jos. Obert.[d]

X.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Ministers: Robt. O'Boyle,[e] Jas. I. Good, D. D.,[3-e] C. S. Gerhard, D. D., S. R. Breidenbaugh, Wm. H. Herbert.[2]

Elders: Daniel Miller, Dr. A. S. Raudenbush, P. A. Roth,[5-e] H. M. Otto.

XI.—From Wyoming Classis.

Ministers: D. E. Schoedler, D. W. Ebbert, J. B. Kerschner,[e] F. K. Levan, D. D.

Elders: Daniel Clinger, John A. Caldwell.[f]

The numbers indicate the day of arrival, and the letters the day of departure.

Rev. Jno. F. DeLong, secundus of East Pennsylvania Classis, took the seat of Dr. H. M. Kieffer on the 5th day. Rev. C. Cort, D. D., secundus of Philadelphia Classis, took the seat of Rev. Geo. Stibitz, primarius, on the 5th and 6th day. Rev. I. E. Graeff, D. D., secundus of Lancaster Classis, took the seat of Dr. Jos. H. Dubbs, primarius, on the 3d day. Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, secundus of East Susquehanna Classis, took the seat of the primarius, Rev. Jno. A. Danner, on the 5th day. Elder John Horstick, secundus, took the place of Charles Denues, Esq., primarius, on the 4th day.

Advisory Members.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Jno. S. Stahr, D. D., R. W. Miller, I. E. Graeff, D. D., A. C. Whitmer, Fred. Pilgram, J. G. Walter, E. S. Hay.

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. Jno. F. DeLong.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. D. E. Klopp, D. D., I. C. Fisher, Thos. M. Yundt, J. A. Wickert, Dr. J. E. Hiester.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., C. J. Musser, Elder J. W. Bickel.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. C. B. Alspach, W. S. Stubblebine.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Rev. Thos. H. Leinbach.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. Prof. W. W. Deatrick, Prof. J. W. Knappenberger.

Schuylkill Classis.—Elders Geo. F. Baer, Jas. T. Reber and J. H Stein.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Rev. J. J. Stauffer.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

Clarion Classis.—Rev. S. S. Miller, S. T. Wagner.

Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., D. N. Ditmar, Jno. McConnell, C. R. Diffenbacher, D. D.

SYNOD OF POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis.—Lic. J. H. Apple, Revs. Dr. E. R. Eshbach, Geo. W. Snyder.

Gettysburg Classis.—Revs. M. M. Noacher, G. P. Stem, J. C. Bowman, D. D., Elder G. W. Hartman.

Mercersburg Classis.—Geo. W. Aughinbauh, D. D., C. U. Heilman, T. R. Deitz.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. Thos. N. Reber, Titus C. Strock, E. W. Stonebreaker, S. C. Stover, J. F. Moyer.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Elder J. W. Wetzel.

Other Churches.

Lutheran Church, Rev. M. P. Hocker, Dr. W. R. Singly, D. H. Geisse, M. Luther Fate.

Bethel Church, Revs. J. W. Deshong, R. C. Price, G. Sigler, D. D.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. M. Killing.

U. B. Church, Rev. Dr. Miller, J. D. Daugherty.

Evangelical Church, Revs. J. Berg Esenwein, J. S. Heisler.

Methodist Church, Revs. A. S. Fasick, Geo. W. McLaughlin.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected as officers of Synod for the ensuing year:

Rev. F. K. Levan, D. D., of Wilkesbarre, Pa., President.

Rev. Robt. O'Boyle, of Shenandoah, Pa., Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, of Reading, Pa., is continued as Stated Clerk.

Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

The Reading of Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The President defined the Bar of the House to extend to the tenth pew from the chancel.

The daily session opened at 9 A. M. and closed at 5 P. M., with a recess from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Dr. H. T. Spangler, N. Z. Snyder, Samuel A. Leinbach, Elders Preston T. Nyce, Samuel Hood.

Overtures.—Revs. D. W. Ebbert, Robert O'Boyle, T. O. Stem, Elders S. S. Smith, C. E. Freed.

Religious Services.—Revs. E. N. Kremer, M. H. Sangree, Francis C. Yost, Elders W. J. Wagonseller, Christian W. Myers.

Minutes of Classis.—Revs. D. E. Schoedler, C. S. Wieand, D. W. Gerhard, Elders A. W. Bomberger, Esq., Joseph Obert.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, S. P. Brown, L. M. Kerschner, Elders C. J. Lessig, Wm. H. Buck.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Dr. Geo. Stibitz, Henry Hilbish, Elders Dr. J. B. Kieffer, Daniel Clinger.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. S. R. Breidenbaugh, G. W. Richards, J. B. Kerschner, Elders J. Y. Dietz, Dr. A. S. Raudenbush.

Missions.—Revs. Thomas J. Hacker, Thomas C. Leinbach, Miles O. Noll, Elders Andrew J. Baker, John J. Nissley.

Finance.—Revs. L. Kryder Evans, Tilghman Derr, John A. Danner, Elders F. G. Hobson, Esq., J. Fred. Orth.

Nominations.—Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Geo. B. Smith, S. P. Brown, Elders Q. F. Messinger, Llewellyn Leinbach.

Publication.—Revs. Dr. H. M. Kieffer, Charles E. Schaeffer, Lewis D. Steckel, Elders D. K. Miller, A. Schwenk.

Orphans' Home.—Revs. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Geo. B. Walbert, Jerome B. Henry, Elders Joseph Negley, J. A. Caldwell.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was read and referred to Committee on Nominations.

3. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and also the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Report of the General Board of Missions, and also the Report of the Bi-Synodic Board, read by Supt. Rev. A. C. Whitmer, also the Report of Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. Numerous other documents were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of Lebanon were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report such items as claim the attention of Synod. The Committee presented its report on Thursday; it was considered item by item and finally adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to offer the following report for your consideration:

Item 1, page 42. Synod instructed the Superintendent of Canvass, Rev. C. J. Musser to secure funds for the erection of the new Seminary building, and that the Chairman of the Building Committee (Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D.), be associated with him in the prosecution of the work.

Item 2, page 75. Synod appointed a Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

Item 3, page 79. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Minutes of Synod printed and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

Item 4, page 104. The report on Synod's entertainment was laid on the table for further consideration at the present sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

For the action taken on the items in the foregoing report see as follows: On item 1, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary; On item 2, see Article XVIII., on Sunday-schools; on item 3, see Article XIX., on Publication; On item 4, see Article XXII., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures read its report. It was considered item by item and finally adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

The Committee of Overtures respectfully report as follows:

1. A communication from President J. S. Stahr, reporting the condition and prospects of Franklin and Marshall College.

2. Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

3. Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, located at Lancaster, Pa.

4. Catalogue of Ursinus College, located at Collegeville, Pa.

5. Catalogue of Woman's College, located at Frederick, Md.

6. *a.* A general statement of receipts and expenditures of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in the United States."

b. A statement of receipts and expenditures of said Society within the bounds of Synod for the year ending September 29, 1894.

7. A memorial in behalf of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio, by Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., President, together with an overture from Erie Classis concerning said college.

8. A communication from the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

9. A communication from Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, notifying Synod of the expiration of the term of service of Hon. J. W. Killinger, as trustee of said college.

10. Certain copies of the *Woman's Journal of the Reformed Church,* published by the Woman Missionary Society of the General Synod.

11. A Communication from Members of East Pennsylvania Classis, asking a deliverance of Synod on its constitutional rights in certain Church property.

12. Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

For action on items 1, 9 and 3, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary, and Franklin and Marshall College; on item 2, see Article XX., on Orphans' Home; on items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12, see Article XXII., Miscellaneous; on item 8, see Article XVIII., on Sunday-schools; on item 10, The *Women's Journal* was favorably commended to the patronage of the churches; on item 11, see Article XXI., on Church Government.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions each day were opened and closed with religious services.

The following appointments were reported from time to time and adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report:

Thursday, October 18th, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of the Sunday-school. Elder J. H. Stein presiding. Address, Rev. C. J. Musser; subject, "What Can the Pastor do Toward Increasing the Efficiency of the Sunday-school?" Address, Rev. G. W. Richards; subject, "Why Should Church Members Attend the Sunday-school and How Can Their Attendance be Secured." Address, Rev. R. W. Miller; subject, "The Past and the Coming Year. Work Done and That to be Done." The offerings to be devoted to the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

Friday, October 19th, 7:30 P. M. Educational service. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., presiding. Address by Hon. Geo. F. Baer, President of Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, "The Claims of the College on the Church." Address by Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, "The College in Our Educational System."

Saturday, October 20th, 2 P. M. Preparatory service. Sermon by Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.

Satuaday, 7:30 P. M. Services in the interest of Home Missions. Rev. T. J. Hacker, presiding. Addresses, limited to ten minutes each, by Revs. M. O. Noll, J. C. Bowman, D. D., T. O. Stem, J. W. Meminger

Monday, October 22d, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of Foreign Missions. Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., presiding. Address by Mrs. Rev. W. E. Hoy; address by Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.

Appointments for Sunday.

Second Reformed Church, Broad and Green Streets, 10:30 A. M., Rev. F. K. Levan, D. D.; 7:30 P. M., G. B. Walbert. Services of the Holy Communion, morning and evening. Sunday-school, 1:30 P. M., addresses by Rev. G. W. Richards and Rev. C. E. Schaeffer.

Christian Endeavor Service, 6:30, Elder F. G. Hobson.

St. John's Reformed Mission.—Sunday-school, 9 A. M.; addresses, Revs. Thos. J. Hacker and J. W. Meminger.

Zwingli Reformed Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. L. D. Steckel; 7:30 P. M., C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Reformed Salem Church.—10:30 A. M., Prof. Rev. Geo. Stibbitz, Ph. D.; 1:30 P. M., Sunday-school; addresses by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., and Robert O'Boyle.

Fourth Reformed Mission.—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Pannebecker; 7:30 P. M., Rev. L. M. Kerschner.

First Reformed, Steelton.—10:30 A. M., Rev. W. W. Deatrick; 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. W. Ebbert.

Wenrich's Reformed Church.—10 A. M., Rev. S. T. Wagner.

Thirteenth Street M. E. Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. C. E. Schaeffer.

Curtin Heights M. E. Church—10:30 A. M., Rev. G. B. Smith; 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. H. Herbert.

Fifth Street M. E. Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

All Worker's Chapel.—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger; 7:30 P. M., Rev. G. B. Smith.

Reiley Street U. B. Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. Tilghman Derr; 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. B. Kerschner.

Memorial U. B. Church.—7:30 P. M., Rev. T. O. Stern.

Tabernacle Baptist Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. M. O. Noll; 7:30 P. M., S. U. Mitman.

First Free Baptist Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. T. O. Stem; 7:30 P. M., Rev. C. S. Wieand.

First Baptist Church.—10:30 A. M. Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.

Fourth Street Church of God.—10:30 A. M., Rev. D. W. Gerhard; 7:30 P. M., Rev. F. C. Yost.

Westminster Presbyterian Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. W. Meminger; 7:30 P. M., Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman, D. D.

Market Square Presbyterian Church.—7:30 P. M., Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

Calvary Presbyterian Chapel.—10:30 A. M., Rev. Henry Hilbish.

Covenant Presbyterian Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. G. B. Walbert; 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. O. Lindeman.

Jail—9 A. M., Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Hospital.—6 P. M., Rev. C. S. Wieand.

Reformed Church, Hummelstown.—Rev. L. K. Evans.

Messiah Lutheran Church.—7:30 P. M., Rev. Geo. W. Richards.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.; 7:30 P. M., Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D.

Christ Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. L. M. Kerschner; 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

Memorial Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. T. J. Hacker; 7:30 P. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D.

St. John's Lutheran, Steelton.—10:30 A. M., Rev. D. W. Ebbert; 7:30 P. M., Rev. A. P. Horn.

Zion's Lutheran Church, Peabrock.—7 P. M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Trinity Evangelical Church.—7:30 P. M., Rev. D. W. Gerhard.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis presented its report on Friday. It was acted on item by item, at intervals, and finally disposed of as a whole. The Report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report, that it has examined the Minutes, and that it found the following items claiming the attention of Synod.

I. Irregularities.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis does not give the Treasurer's Report in full in its copy of the Minutes of the last annual meeting.

2. Philadelphia Classis failed to furnish a full schedule of items claiming the attention of Synod; and Lebanon Classis failed to furnish any schedule of items at all.

3. Philadelphia Classis failed to give the date of the call of one of its special meetings, page 1.

4. West Susquehanna Classis failed to take action on the apportionment for Church Building.

5. Tohickon Classis gives a mere epitome or the totals of the Treasurer's report.

6. Lehigh Classis fails to certify that the Minutes of one of its special meetings is a correct copy from the original Minutes, page 48.

7. Schuylkill Classis did not give the constitutional notice as to time of special meeting held September 25th, 1894, page 40.

II. Requests.

1. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to give it credit for the amount paid to Treasurer Santee for Hungarian Missions, and calls its attention to arrearages charged on Harbor Missions, pages 22 and 23.

2. Tohickon Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod to take certain action relative to the statistics of the Church, page 32.

III. Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them by Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. East Pennsylvania Classis devotes to the Stroudsburg Mission six hundred dollars of its apportionment for Home Missions, page 13; does not accept the apportionment for Foreign Missions, page 13, nor for Church Building, page 14; declines to appoint a permanent Sunday-school Committee, and does not see its way clear to comply with the request of Synod to raise six hundred dollars for the Stroudsburg Mission in addition to its apportionment for Home Missions, page 14.

2. Lancaster Classis assumes only one half of its apportionment for Harbor Missions, and declines to assume its apportionment for Church Building, page 31.

3. East Susquehanna Classis does not accept its apportionments

for Home Missions and Foreign Missions in full, and declines to accept its apportionment for Harbor Missions, page 7.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis does not comply with the request of Synod to raise additional life memberships in the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, pages 92 and 93.

5. Wyoming Classis accepts only $800 of its apportionment for Foreign Missions, and requests Synod to direct its Committee on Finance hereafter to make the apportionment for Foreign Missions on the *pro rata* basis laid down by the General Synod, page 79.

IV.—Appeals and Complaints.

1. The Consistory of the St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Pottstown, Pa., appeals from the action of Goshenhoppen Classis deposing it from office, pages 82, 83 and 112.

2. Complaint of Rev. C. H. Herbst against an action of Goshenhoppen Classis, page 112.

V.—Licensure, Ordination, etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Mr. John W. Reinecke and Mr. Charles M. Smith; ordained Lic. Paul M. Spangler; received Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., from Philadelphia Classis; Lic. Paul M. Spangler from Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac; Lic. Irwin M. Bachman from Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. Ellwood L. Kemp from Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Rev. Morgan A Peters to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Lic. John W. Reinecke to East Susquehanna Classis, and Lic. Charles M. Smith to West Susquehanna Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Mr. Thomas H. Leinbach, Mr. Anselm V. Hiester and Mr. William H. Loose; dismissed Lic. Thomas H. Leinbach to Goshenhoppen Classis; Lic. William H. Loose to Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. Ellwood L. Kemp to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Lic. Frank H. Fisher to Wyoming Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. James R. Bergey, Mr. I. M. Bachman, Mr. Ellwood W. Middleton; ordained Lic. Edward F. Wiest and Lic. Jesse H. String; received Rev. F. Edge Kavanagh from the Columbia Presbytery, Lic. Frank N. Bleiler from Wyoming Classis, Rev. Henry H. Bomberger from Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Rev. C. B. Alspach and Rev. C. H. Herbst to Wyoming Classis, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., and Lic.

I. M. Bachman to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., to Lancaster Classis, and Lic. James R. Bergey to West Susquehanna Classis.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Messrs. D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, Louis P. Goerrig, Geo. K. Kaneko; ordained Lic. Ellis S. Hay, Lic. J. Grant Walter, Lic. Frank L. Kerr; received Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. B. F. Bausman from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, Lic. Ellis S. Hay from Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, Lic. J. Grant Walter from Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, Lic. Frank L. Kerr from Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; dismissed Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. L. J. Mayer, to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior, Lic. D. Franklin Boomershine to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, Lic. Charles W. Brugh to Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Lic. Louis P. Goerrig to St. Paul's Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. O. E. Schaeffer from Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod; licensed Mr. Harry N. Bassler; ordained Lic. J. W. Reinecke, and dismissed Rev. Wm. G. Engel to Goshenhoppen Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis ordained Lic. James R. Bergey; received James R. Bergey from Philadelphia Classis, Lic. Chas. M. Smith from East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Marion L. Piror from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; restored Rev. Tilghman J. Seiple to the Ministry and dismissed him to East Pennsylvania Classis.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Messrs. Edward S. Bromer, Horace F. Wagner and John D. Hunsicker; ordained Lic. W. B. Werner; received Rev. Wm. G. Engel from East Susquehanna Classis, and Lic. Thomas H. Leinbach from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Lic. Horace F. Wagner to the Congregational Association of New Jersey, Lic. Edward S. Bromer to Schuylkill Classis, Lic. John D. Hunsicker to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, and Lic. Chas. P. Kehl to Wyoming Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed Mr. Charles F. Althouse, ordained Lic. B. F. Luckenbill, dismissed Lic. Charles F. Althouse to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior, and received Rev. John Naille from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Messrs. George L. Butz, Edwin D. Meixell and Wm. Yenser; ordained Lic. Marsby J. Roth, and dis-

missed Lic. Edwin D. Meixell to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed Mr. Irwin F. Wagner; received Geo. E. Addams from West Susquehanna Classis and Lic. Edward Brower from Goshehoppen Classis; ordained Lic. C. D. Yost and Lic. Edward Bromer, and dismissed Lic. Irwin F. Wagner to Tiffin Classis, Synod cf Ohio.

11. Wyoming Classis received Revs. C. B. Alspach and C. H. Herbst from Philadelphia Classis, Lic. Frank H. Fisher from Lebanon Classis, Lic. Chas. P. Kehl from Goshenhoppen Classis; ordained Lic. Frank H. Fisher and Lic. Chas. P. Kehl, and licensed Mr. Frank N. Bleiler and dismissed him to Philadelphia Classis.

VI. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Brodheadsville, Monroe county, Pa., on Monday, May 13th, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. A. Schwedes, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Faul's Church, Robesonia, Berks county, Pa., on Monday preceding Ascension Day, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Warren J. Johnson, *President;* Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in St. Luke's Reformed Church, North Wales, Pa., on the second Tuesday in May, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry H. Apple, *President;* Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa., on Tuesday, June 4th, 1895, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. S. Schweitzer, *President;* Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Mount Carmel, Pa., June 10th, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Lewis D. Steckel, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leinbach, *Stated Clerk.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Mifflinburg, Pa., the third Wednesday of May, 1895, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, *President;* Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Trinity Union Church, Bechtelsville, Berks county, Pa., on Tuesday, May 21st, 1895, at

2 o'clock P. M. Rev. Geo. B. Walbert, *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in Christ Union Church, Hellertown, Northampton county, Pa., on Monday, May 27th, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. H. Phillips, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Coplay, Lehigh county, Pa., on Monday, May 13th, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Alvin Reber, *President;* Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, *Stated Clerk.*

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in Trinity Church, Shenandoah, Pa., on the first Monday after Trinity Sunday, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Robert O'Boyle, *President;* Rev. W. J. Muir, *Stated Clerk.*

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Christ Church, Conyngham, Luzerne county, Pa., on Wednesday, May 15th, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Aaron Noll, *President;* Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk.*

VII.—Action on the Revised Constitution.

The Revised Constitution submitted by General Synod to the Classes for approval or disapproval was approved by the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming, and disapproved by the Classis of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

NOTE.—Your Committee would respectfully request Synod to give a deliverance as to whether the Stated Clerks of the Classes are to furnish Synod with a verbatim copy of the Minutes or simply of the acts and proceedings of the annual and special meetings.

For the action of Synod on the items under the head of Irregularities, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References.

For Synod's action on 1st and 2d items under the head of Requests, and on 1st, 2d and 3d under the head of Subjects Referred, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References. The 4th and 5th items under the head of Subjects Referred were adopted.

For Synod's action on the 1st and 2d items under the head of Appeals, see Article XVI., on Appeals, &c.

All the items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission, also those under the head of Time and Place for the next Annual Meetings of Classes were adopted. The action of the several Classes on the New Constitution was adopted.

In response to the words of inquiry as to furnishing Synod with a verbatim copy of the Minutes of the respective Classes, the following action was taken.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Classes be and hereby are instructed to furnish Synod with a full transcript of the Minutes of their respective Classes.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination report that the Committee had no persons referred to it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RRPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The reports on the state of Religion and Morals in the several Classes, which have been placed in our hands, are in a remarkable degree characterized by cheerfulness and hope. In almost every instance they begin by striking a note of exalted thanksgiving. This is the more noteworthy because they also depict conditions which can hardly be supposed to be conducive to prosperity. They refer to depressed financial conditions which have been felt in every department of commercial activity, and some of them even speak of instances of personal self-denial; but above all these discouragements rises an anthem of

gratitude for the mercy of the Lord. In these utterances we seem to hear an echo of the wonderful words of the prophet: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

We are thus led to appreciate the fact that it is in times of trial that the goodness of our Heavenly Father is especially revealed. In the statistical reports we observe that the benevolent offerings of our churches have greatly increased, and that their contributions to congregational purposes have not thereby been diminished. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Christian people are evidently learning to appreciate the blessedness of contributing to the relief of the temporal and spiritual necessities of their brethren. The work of the Women's Missionary Societies has been greatly enlarged and receives the appreciation which it so richly deserves. Our young people have united in organized efforts for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and in every earnest work of Christian benevolence we bid them Godspeed.

The completion and consecration during the past year of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster is a monumental event in the history of the Reformed Church. The liberality or our people in this and other directions has been commemorated, and we need but place on record an acknowledgment of our heartfelt thanksgiving.

The past year has been a season of peace. Though there have been local misunderstandings and conflicts, they do not occupy a prominent place in the reports which have been placed in our hands. These reports therefore bear a strong resemblance to those of former years, and it may be said that the troubles which are mainly commemorated are those which are inseparable from the work of the ministry. The ancient forms of evil continue to present themselves, though sometimes in new disguises; and as long as they continue to exist the Christian life must be a constant conflict. Several Classes make special reference to an evil tendency on the part of the community, especially in cities and larger towns, to ignore the sanctity of the Lord's Day whenever pleasure or profit are involved, and thus to introduce what has been called "the Continental Sabbath." Against this tendency, which must prove disastrous, not only to the

Church, but to society at large, it becomes Christians to contend in the spirit and power of the Gospel.

During the past year the following of our brethren in the ministry have laid down their burdens and entered into their rest: Rev. W. A. Helffrich, D. D., Charles Becker, A. R. Thompson and Jeriah S. Shade. They were faithful in service, and their reward will not fail. The events of their personal history will be related in the Necrology, kindly prepared by our Stated Clerk.

In brief, then, the past year has been prosperous, and we have reason to take courage. We thank God for the year that is past, and as we enter upon another we trust Him to lead us onward to the goal. To Him be all the Glory!

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. H. Dubbs, *Chairman.*

NECROLOGY.

The following record is herein given of those in the ministry of the Reformed Church who have ended their labors within the bounds of this Synod and taken their departure to the eternal world during the Synodical year:

Rev. Albert Rhodes Thompson, died June 22, 1894.

A. R. Thompson, a son of William and Catherine Thompson, was born in Blair county, Pa. He was received into communion with the Grove Reformed Church, Huntingdon county, by confirmation administerd October 24, 1869, by Rev. Theobald Fouse. He became a student at Ursinus College, August 31, 1874. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Philadelphia Classis, June 9, 1879. He accepted a call July 14, 1879, from the Hummelstown charge. He was ordained and installed as pastor of that charge, where he labored for nearly two years. On May 4, 1881, he became pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, in Chester county. Two years later, namely, May 31, 1883, he became the pastor of Mt. Bethel charge, Northampton county, Pa., where he labored for nearly five years. In May, 1888, he was installed as the pastor of the Rockingham charge in Virginia. Physical afflictions obliged him to resign his charge. He removed to Collegeville, where after a lingering illness and great suffering he ended his mortal career June 22, 1894, at the age of forty-three

years, four months and twelve days. He was burried June 27, 1894, in the cemetery connected with Trinity Reformed Church at Collegeville, Pa.

REV. JERIAH S. SHADE, Died July 31, 1894.

Jeriah Shunk Shade was born September 9, 1818, in Montgomery county, Pa. After proper preparation he entered the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, Pa., and was graduated therefrom in 1848. He was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis in the same year. In 1849 he was dismissed as a licentiate to the Classis of Westmoreland, Synod of Ohio. He entered the service of the Master in the year 1850 as a missionary. He located in Tylersburg, Clarion county, Pa., where he served three congregations whose aggregate membership was fifty souls. He continued pastor in this charge five years and increased the membership to 169.

In 1855 he removed to Bellefonte, where he served three congregations aggregating 150 members. In 1857 he took charge of three congregations in Liberty Valley, Tioga county. In 1858 he removed to Lamartine, in Clarion county, and became pastor of five congregations known as the Petersburg charge, which he served seven years. In 1867 he became pastor of the Fairview charge, in Armstrong county, which he served for about six years. In 1873 he removed to McConnellstown, where he became the pastor of five congregations. In 1877 he accepted a call to Astoria charge, in Shelby Classis, in Illinois. In 1884 he became pastor of the Broken Sword charge, in Ohio, under the care of the Central Synod. In 1885 he was dismissed by Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, to Mercersburg Classis, residing at McConnellsburg, and held the office of postmaster. In 1891 he removed his family to Hagerstown, Md., and in 1892 he is dismissed by Mercersburg Classis to the Philadelphia Classis, having made his place of abode at 1024 Oxford street, Philadelphia. It is here that he closed his mortal career on July 31, 1894, at the age of seventy-five years, eleven months and twenty-two days. He was buried August 3d, in the cemetery of St. Luke's Reformed Church at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa.

REV. CHAS. BECKER, died July 15, 1894.

Chas. Becker was a son of Dr. J. C. Becker, and was born at Kreidersville, Pa. He pursued his theological studies under the instructions of his father, and graduated at the Theological Semi-

nary at Mercersburg, Pa. In 1851 he was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis and became assistant to his father. In 1854 he became pastor of the Moretown charge, consisting of two congregations. In 1855 he took charge of seven congregations in Monroe county. He continued his labors in this charge until 1874. Fifteen years ago, on account of ill health, he was obliged to retire from the active duties of the ministry. In his later years he resided in Philadelphia. He died at his residence on Herbine avenue, Philadelphia, July 15, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years.

REV. WM. A. HELFFRICH, D. D., died March 17, 1894.

Wm. A. Helffrich, a son of Rev. Dr. John Helffrich and his wife, Salome, was born August 20, 1827. His early educational training was received at an academny in the neighborhood of his own home, that was under his father's special protection, and for which he procured from time to time well qualified German teachers, who could teach and develop the mental faculties of his son at an early age in the study of the classics. At a later age the son pursued his theological education under the direction of his father.

In 1845 he was licensed and ordained to the Gospel ministry by East Pennsylvania Classis and became an assistant to his father. Later on he preached in the churches at Ephrata, Tamaqua and to churches in the Mahanoy Valley. At the death of his father in 1852 he became the pastor of the Ziegel charge and remained in active service in the same until 1891.

He died March 17, 1894, at Fogelsville, Lehigh county, Pa., in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His earthly remains were laid to rest on the 21st of March, in the burying ground near the Ziegel church, where he had preached the gospel of a blessed resurrection for more than forty years. The deceased was a brilliant writer and with this brief sketch of his life there is appended a list of the works which he has written: Two volumes of "Leichen Reden Predigten über die episteln des Kirchen-Yahrs;" unpublished commentary on the Book of Revelations; an unpublished autobiography; humorous contributions to German papers and periodicals, and a history of the Helffrich family.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND F. AND M. COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA.

I. Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

A—Report of the Board of Trustees.

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 10th, 1894, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 4th, 1894.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the purchase of books for the department of Archæology.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the Minutes.

The Board is greatly gratified in being permitted to report to the Synods that a new interest has been awakened in the Library of the Seminary through the erection of the Library Building, and that two alcoves have been endowed during the first year—one on Reformed Church History by the Class of 1894, and another on Archæology by Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney.

As the endowment of the Library is one of the greatest needs of the Seminary, we commend the example of Miss Forney and the Class of 1894, with the hope that, in the course of a few years, all the alcoves may be similarly provided for.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board of Trustees:

While the Board of Trustees join with the many friends of the Seminary in congratulating the Church upon the completion of the new Seminary Buildings, they find themselves confronted with a new financial problem, which demands *immediate attention on the part of the three Synods.*

The new buildings and the various improvements and enlarged equipment have created new and increased financial wants, which cannot he provided for out of the present endowment fund. To provide the necessary fuel and light, and the salaries of the Janitor and Librarian, there will be required an additional annual expenditure of not less than one thousand dollars, and to meet the unusual demands of the present year, *twelve thousand dollars should be raised.*

As the Riegel Fund of fifteen thousand dollars, which was contributed for meeting current expenses, will not mature till 1898, your Trustees submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the three Synods, viz:

1. In order to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, the three Synods are requested to assume annually apportionments for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, and your Board also respectfully suggest that the three Synods provide such an increase of the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising.

2. To meet the current expenses of the present year the Synods are requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars in the following manner, viz:

Eastern Synod	$600.00
Pittsburgh	200.00
Potomac	400.00
	$1200.00

3. As these apportionments are not likely to be paid before the close of the present seminary year, the Treasurer of the Seminary be authorized to effect the loan of all moneys that may be required during the interval.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

HELLERTOWN, October 9th, 1894.

B.—Report of the Treasurer.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893.						DR.	
Sept.	23.	For	Interest	rec'd	of	Geo. W. Schroyer to Oct. 1, 1893 . .	$150.00
"	30.	"	"	"	"	H. Keen to Oct. 1, 1893	30.00
"	30.	"	"	"	"	Rev. J. M. Steinmetz to April 1, 1893	18.00
Oct.	2.	"	"	"	"	M. Austin Cessna to May 15, 1893. .	60.00
"	3.	"	"	"	"	S. M. Keen to Oct. 1, 1893	75.00
"	3.	"	"	"	"	I. G. Simmons on account	50.00
"	12.	"	"	"	"	Kieffer legacy to Oct. 1, 1893	237.50
"	12.	"	"	"	"	St. Stephen's Chapel to Oct. 29, 1893	24.00
"	16.	"	"	"	"	Newton Groff to Oct. 1, 1893	30.00
Nov.	6.	"	"	"	"	E. M. Killough on account	50.00
"	20.	"	"	"	"	Jacob Fritz on account	60.00
"	27.	"	"	"	"	E. M. Killough to Nov. 1, 1893	25.00
Dec.	1.	"	"	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to Nov. 1, 1893	150.00
"	9.	"	"	"	"	John F. Bassler to Oct. 1, 1893 . . .	16.50
"	12.	"	"	"	"	Mercersburg Classis to Jan. 1, 1894 .	21.00
"	28.	"	"	"	"	W. S. Martin, Treas., to Oct. 1, 1893	50.00
1894.							
Jan.	9.	"	"	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to Jan. 1, 1894	12.00
Feb.	9.	"	"	"	"	Lane & Co. to Feb. 1, 1894	125.00
"	13.	"	"	"	"	Jacob Fritz to Oct. 1, 1893	22.50
Mar.	7.	"	"	"	"	Jacob Fritz on account	62.50
Feb.	10.	"	"	"	"	E. S. Stehman to Feb. 3, 1894 . . .	30.00
"	17.	"	"	"	"	I. S. Groff to April 1, 1894	82.50
Mar.	27.	"	"	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer to April 1, 1894 . .	150.00
"	30.	"	"	"	"	A. A. & J. Fritz to April 1, 1894 . .	20.00
April	2.	"	"	"	"	S. J. Johnson to April 1, 1894 . . .	60.00
"	2.	"	"	"	"	Samuel Keen to April 1, 1894 . .	75.00
"	2.	"	"	"	"	M. Westley to April 1, 1894	42.00
"	2.	"	"	"	"	A. Kunkle to April 1, 1894.	38.50
"	2.	"	"	"	"	I. H. Kauffman to April 1, 1894 . .	75.00
"	3.	"	"	"	"	Newton Groff to April 1, 1894 . . .	30.00
"	4.	"	"	"	"	John Becker to Feb. 28, 1894 . . .	220.00
"	4.	"	"	"	"	Wyoming Classis to July 1, 1894 . .	45.00
"	4.	"	"	"	"	W. F. Hambright to April 17, 1894 .	75.00
"	6.	"	"	"	"	W. S. Martin, M. D., to April 1, 1894	50.00
"	6.	"	"	"	"	Lehigh Classis to Oct. 1, 1893 . . .	15.00
"	10.	"	"	"	"	Tob. Robinson to April 1, 1894 . . .	36.00
"	13.	"	"	"	"	Bruckhart mortgage to April 1, 1894	126.00
"	16.	"	"	"	"	Kieffer legacy to April 1, 1894 . .	237.50

April	16.	For Interest rec'd of I. A. Metzger to April 1, 1894 . . .	$40.04
"	16.	" " " " J. B. Roth to Jan. 1, 1894	187.50
"	16.	" " " " Geo. Carbaugh to April 1, 1894 . . .	120.00
"	17.	" " " " P. M. Ermantrout on account	100.00
"	17.	" " " " W. U. Hensel to April 1, 1894 . . .	125.00
"	17.	" " " " Gymnasium notes to April 1, 1894 . .	149.72
"	23.	" " " " Amos Christ to April 1, 1894	90.00
May	2.	" " " " S. G. Wagner, D. D., in full . .	6.50
"	2.	" " " " St. John's Lutheran Church Bonds to Nov., 1893	106.00
"	8.	" " " " E. M. Killough to May 1, 1894 . . .	75.00
"	8.	" " " " I. G. Simmons on account	100.00
"	8.	" " " " Jacob Heyser on account	200.00
"	9.	" " " " Rev. C. W. Levan to Jan, 1, 1894 . .	11.67
"	15.	" " " " Henry Keen to April 1, 1894	30.00
"	22.	" " " " St. John's Lutheran Church Bonds to May 15, 1894.	106.00
"	26.	" " " " Rental of Strom property, Kansas . .	40.90
"	31.	" " " " E. Penna. Classis to April 1, 1894 . .	22.50
June	1.	" " " " Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to June 1, 1894	150.00
"	25.	" " " " M. B. Hartman to June 21, 1894 . .	200.00
"	28.	" " " " Mercersburg Classis	1.50
July	9.	" " " " Harrisburg Book Co., dividend . . .	4.10
"	27.	" " " " Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., dividend .	20.00
Aug.	10.	" " " " Zion's Classis to May 1, 1894	46 44
"	10.	" " " " P. M. Ermentrout, on account . . .	100.00
"	11.	" " " " John F. Bassler to April 1, 1894 . .	16.50
"	14.	" " " " John A. Snider to April 21, 1894 . .	110.00
"	22.	" " " " U. H. Riner, on account	100.00
Sept.	6.	" " " " P. M. Ermentrout to April 1, 1894 .	74.15
"	6.	" " " " Cook Legacy to March 1, 1894 . . .	60.00
"	25.	" " " " Seminary Aid Fund, transferred . .	184.27
"	26.	" " " " Lane & Co., October 1, 1894	83.34
"	26.	Interest paid on loan to date	165.00
"	27.	" " Geo. W. Schroyer, October 1, 1894	150.00
"	29.	" " John B. Roth to October 1, 1894	93 75
			$5,746.38
Oct.	1.	1894. Amount balance due Treasurer	1,127.06
			$6,873.44

1893. CR.

Sept.	22.	By balance due Treasurer as per account	$325.24
"	29.	" bill paid W. Wohlsen	5.00
Oct.	16.	" amount paid T. G. Apple, D. D., ...	200.00
"	16.	" " " Receipt Book	.65

Oct.	21.	By amount paid postoffice stamps and expressage to Harrisburg				$6.00
Nov.	7.	"	"	"	P. N. Wohlsen	15.30
"	7.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart on account	200.00
"	7.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, on account	200.00
Dec.	7.	"	"	"	T. G. Apple to Jan. 1, 1894	175.00
"	7.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart to Jan. 1, 1894	175.00
"	7.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, on account	175.00
1894.						
Jan.	10.	"	"	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co.	72.64
"	10.	"	"	"	Reformed Church Publication House Ad.	20.00
"	30.	"	"	"	Seminary Ad. in Oriflamme, 1893	10.00
Feb.	2.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	2.	"	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account	200.00
"	2.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, on account	200.00
"	2.	"	"	"	E. R. Heitshu, notary	.75
Mar.	19.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, in full	175.00
"	19.	"	"	"	T. G. Apple, in full	175.00
"	19.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, in full	175.00
"	19.	"	"	"	Janitor, service, April 1, 1894	100.00
"	19.	"	"	"	Treasurer's salary to April 1, 1894	100.00
"	23.	"	"	"	C. Moser, pump repairs	1.00
April	6.	"	"	"	T. Humphreville's bill	7.65
"	10.	"	"	"	Examiner, catalogue bill	39.58
"	13.	"	"	"	P. N. Wohlsen's bill	31.13
"	14.	"	"	"	Wm. Rupp, D. D., interest, April 1, 1894	105.58
"	14.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart for stamps	6.00
"	18.	"	"	"	Franklin and Marshall coal bill	75.00
"	24.	"	"	"	interest on Smaltz Fund, April 1, 1894	125.00
"	26.	"	"	"	Teacher of Elocution	100.00
May	3.	"	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account	200.00
"	3.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	3.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, on account	200.00
"	7.	"	"	"	interest on Prize Fund in Church History	50.00
"	7.	"	"	"	" Sacred Rhetoric Fund	2.25
"	30.	"	"	"	insurance, new Seminary Building (5 years)	480.00
June	1.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, in full to July 1, 1894	175.00
"	1.	"	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, in full to July 1, 1894	175 00
"	1.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast, in full to July 1, 1894	175.00
"	7.	"	"	"	P. N. Wohlsen bill	18.03
"	7.	"	"	"	Tucker & Bateman	3.75
"	13.	"	"	"	Seminary Ad. in Oriflamme, 1894	9.00
July	5.	"	"	"	Reformed Church Publication House bill	2.50
"	11.	"	"	"	B. B. Martin's bill	22.42
"	25.	"	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account	200.00
"	25.	"	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account	200.00
"	25.	"	"	"	F. A. Gast	200.00

July	31.	By amount paid		Janitor's services in full	$50.00
Aug.	9.	"	"	" Seminary gas bill, Aug. 1, 1894.	$2.40
"	17.	"	"	" James Smithgall, bill account.	50.00
Sept.	5.	"	"	" Thomas G. Apple, in full, Oct. 1, 1894. . .	175.00
"	5.	"	"	" E. V. Gerhart, in full, Oct. 1, 1894. . . .	175.00
"	5.	"	"	" F. A. Gast, in fuil Oct. 1, 1894.	175.00
"	7.	"	"	" Interest paid on Klopp Legacy, Oct. 11, 1894	40.00
"	8.	"	"	" " " Pittsburg Prof. Fund, Oct. 1, 1894.	105.58
"	18.	"	"	" Interest paid on Smaltz Fund, Oct. 1, 1894.	125.00
"	25.	"	"	" Library Fund, Ooct. 1, 1894.	65.99
"	25.	"	"	" Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1894.	150.00
"	25.	"	"	" W. U. Hensel, attorney, Oct. 1, 1894. . . .	50.00
					$6,873.44
Oct. 1, 1894.		Amount debtor brought over.			5,746.38
		Balance due Treasurer.			$1,127.06

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1693. DR.

Sept.	28.	To amount paid by		Lancaster Classis for Elocution, 1893. .	$7.00
"	30.	"	"	" West Susquehanna Classis.	6.00
"	30.	"	"	" Schuylkill Classis.	13.00
Oct.	11.	"	"	" Potomac Synod.	75.00
1894.					
Mar.	24.	"	"	" Lebanon Classis, 1893.	14.00
April	6.	"	"	" Lehigh Classis.	14.00
"	24.	"	"	" Goshenhoppen Classis.	9 00
May	16.	"	"	" East Susquehanna Classis, on account. .	4.27
"	20.	"	"	" Tohickon Classis.	10.00
"	31.	"	"	" East Pennsylvania Classis.	12.00
Aug.	14.	"	"	" Lebanon Classis, 1894.	14.00
Sept.	27.	"	"	" West Susquehanna Classis, 1894. . .	6.00
					$184.27

Sept. 29, 1894. Charged to Treasurer in Theological Seminary current expense account.

Library Account of Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893. DR.

Sept.	15.	For amount balance due.	$100.06
"	15.	" interest to October 1, 1894.	65.99
			$166.05

1893.				CR.		
Nov.	7.	By amount paid Dyrsen & Pfeiffer.			$4.50	
1894.						
Jan.	12.	"	"	Jas. R. Bergey.	6.00	
"	13.	"	"	Christian Literature.	2.00	
Feb.	2.	"	"	" "	2.00	
"	2.	"	"	Macmillan's bill.	15.85	
"	22.	"	"	S. H. Zahm & Co.	20.30	
"	22.	"	"	H. C. Armstrong & Son.	1.17	
Mar.	19.	"	"	F. A. Gast, D. D.	8.00	
"	19.	"	"	F. W. Christerns.	2.80	
"	19.	"	"	Christian Literature.	2.00	
May	15.	"	"	Christopher Noss.	5.80	
June	16.	"	"	insurance on Library to 1897. . .	30.00	
"	21.	"	"	Christian Literature.	2.00	
July	13.	"	"	" "	2.00	
Aug.	25.	"	"	" "	2.00	
Sept.	10.	"	"	W. H. Roy, bill.	10.10	116.52
Oct.	10, 1894, Balance due Library Fund.					$49.53

The Seminary Class of 1894, for Alcove in Library Building, have placed in hands of Treasurer sundry obligations maturing in 1895 to 1904 amounting to $981.00

Smaltz Fund Account.

JOHN B ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893.		DR.		
Sept.	22.	Principal of Fund is		$5,000.00
		Interest on same from Oct. 1, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894, . . .		$250.00
1894.		CR.		
April	24.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer, .	$125.00	
Sept.		" " " " " " .	125.00	250.00

The William A. Wilt Fund.

1894.			
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund is	$833.33

Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1893.		DR.		
Sept.	22.	Principal of Fund is		$2,000.75
"	22.	Interest due said Fund to October 1, 1893 . . .	$74.00	
1894.				
May	7.	" " " " April 1, 1894	50.00	$124.00

1894.		Cr.		
May	7.	By amount paid Christopher Noss, as per award of Committee	$100.00	
"	14.	Bill of expenses paid	2.00	102.00
		Interest balance due Fund to April 1, 1894 is		$22.00

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1893.				
Sept.	22.	Principal of Fund is	$90.00	
1894.				
May	5.	Amount received as principal for Fund of W. M. Irvine, Esq.	70.00	$160.00
1893.				
Oct.	1.	Interest due to Oct. 1, 1893	1.91	
1894.				
May	5.	Amount received of W. M. Irvine	11.50	
May	7.	Interest due on $90.00 to May 8, 1894	2.25	
			$15.66	
1894.		Cr.		
May	7.	By amount paid to F. J. Emil Muche as per award of Committee	15.00	
		Balance due Fund to May 8, 1894, is	.66	

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund Account.

John B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

1893.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund as per account rendered		$4,223.19
		For interest on Fund to Oct. 1, 1894	$211.16	$211.16
1894.		Cr.		
April	14.	By interest paid to date, Prof. W. Rupp	$105.58	
Sept.	8.	" " " Oct. 1, 1894, Prof. W. Rupp	105.58	$211.16

Endowment Fund Account.

John B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

1893.		Dr.	
Sept.	22.	Amount of Fund as per report	$94,508.12
1894.			
June	28.	Amount received of J. B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, said sum being one-third of the income from the Wilhelm estate to June, 1894	143.08
			$94,651.20

1893.		CR.	
Oct.	1. By Subscription from First Reformed Church, York	$53.06	
	By subscriptions from Sharpsburg charge	8.00	
	By subscriptions from Tohickon Classis	171.45	$232.51
	These amounts having been sent to the Treasurer without instructions were credited to the Endowment Fund Account, but were intended for the Seminary Building Fund, and by authority of the Board are now transferred		$94,418.69

The John L. Riegel Fund.

September 22, 1893.

Received this day of John L. Riegel, Esq., of Riegelsville, Pa., four notes, each note for $3920. First note, payable July 20, 1895, without interest. Second note, payable July 20, 1896, without interest. Third note, payable, July 20, 1897, without interest; and fourth note, payable July 20, 1898, without interest.

Sum total of notes is $15,680.00.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, October 1, 1894.

LANCASTER, September 12, 1894.

Received of Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, York county, Pa., per J. C. Bowman, one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove, to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney," in the Theological Seminary Library at Lancaster, Pa.

$1,000 JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary Building Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1893		DR.	
Sept.	2. For balance in hands of Treasurer		$103.68
"	2. " amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod, from Sept. 2, 1893, to Oct. 1, 1894		$52,348.19
			$52,451.87
1894.		CR.	
Oct.	1. By sundry bills paid, per orders from Rev. J. C. Bowman, Chairman of Building Committee		$52,201.28
	Balance in hand		$250.59

Statement of Funds.

Endowment Fund	$94,418.69
Smaltz Fund	5,000.00
Library Fund	1,819.96
Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	4,223.19
Church History Fund	2,000.75

Rhetoric Fund	$160.00
Wm. A. Wilt Fund	833.33
Jacob Forney Fund	1,000.00
	$109,455.92

LANCASTER, October 1, 1894.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, October 4, 1894.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH,
Committee.

LANCASTER, October 4, 1894.

C.—Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in Account with CHAS. G. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1893. CR.

Oct. 1. Balance in the Treasury	$296.31
By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of E. Pennsylvania Classis	480.00
" " Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, of Lehigh Classis	450.00
" " I. G. Gerhart, of Tohickon Classis	610.00
" " John B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Sem. int. from Smaltz Fund	250.00
" " " " " " Klopp Legacy	40.00
" " John J. Nissley, Treas. of Eastern Synod, int. from Gerhart Legacy	6.00
" " J. W. Wetzel, Esq., int. from Braught Legacy	150.00
" " J. K. Funck, Treas. of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	169.00
" " Interest on Loans	383.84
" " Dividends from Harrisburg National Bank	33.75
" " From Christ Church, Philadelphia, per E. I. Santee, Treas.	43.38
" " From Whitemarsh Cong., per Rev. J. D. Detrich	56.50
" " From Church of Ascension, Norristown, per Rev. C. J. Musser	10.00
" " From E. O. Nothstein, Esq., refunded	270.00
" " From Rev. H. S. Garner "	200.00
Total	$3,448.78

DR.

To Cash Paid Beneficiaries	E. Pennsylvania Classis	$480.00
" "	Lehigh Classis	450.00
" "	Tohickon Classis	610.00
" "	on Smaltz Fund	300.00
" "	on Braught Fund	150.00

To Cash Paid Beneficiaries on General Fund	$625.00		
" " St. John's, Lebanon, Pa., . . .	169.00		
" " Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D.,			
" " Secretary of Board	20.00		
" " Treasurer's expenses to Lancaster.	2.50		
Balance in Treasury	642.28	$3,448.78	

This certifies that the undersigned has examined the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education as given above, and that, having compared it with the accompanying vouchers, he finds it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, October 9, 1894.

D.—Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

RESPECTED BRETHREN: The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1893–1894 is hereby presented to your honorable body by the Secretary.

At the opening of the Seminary year in September, 1893, the following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class*: Joseph B. Bachman, Benoni Bates, Adam H. Brong, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hullhurst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edward H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Ernest E. Weaver, Charles E. Wagner and David J. Wolf—nineteen in number. Thirteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one of Calvin College, one of Pennsylvania College, one of Lafayette, one an ordained minister in the Church of God, and two with less complete preparation.

The *Middle Class* consisted of the eighteen students of the preceding year, with the addition of Henry M. Ranck, dismissed from the Union Seminary, New York City—nineteen in all.

The *Senior Class*, twenty-four in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the close of the year, and were awarded the usual testimonials at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles L. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, James Riley Bergey, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, Anselm V.

Hiester, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinso Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Ken. Otis Spessard, D. Snider Stephan, Louis C. Summer and J. Grant Walter. Thus there were sixty-two students in the Seminary during the year.

The industry and Christian conduct of the students, their examinations, written and oral, with a few exceptions, were satisfactory; as heretofore, they were active in Sunday-schools and in missionary work in the city of Lancaster; and the Faculty, their instructors, endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities. At the request of the Committee on the New Building and of the Building Committee, Professor Bowman was relieved by the Faculty of the greater part of his duties in the Seminary during the year, in order that he might devote his time to soliciting funds, so that the new Seminary Building might be completed at an early day, and be consecrated with the least amount of indebtedness resting on it. In this good work he was eminently successful, and he deserves the thanks of the Church for his energetic and untiring labors. Professor Thomas G. Appel filled his place in the Seminary, and taught all the classes in Exegesis as far as his time would permit. The new building was consecrated at the Anniversary in May last, and it now reflects credit on the Church for the generosity and liberality of its members, of which it is a monumental evidence.

The Rev. William Rupp, D. D., was installed as Professor of Practical Theology by the Synod of Pittsburgh in October, 1893, and entered upon his duties in the Seminary after the Christmas recess. It is a matter for sincere gratitude to God that our Theological School has now five Professors in its service. Dr. Rupp has already proved himself to be a valuable accession to the Faculty.

We are happy that we are here able to announce that the Seniors of '94 have agreed to endow an *alcove* in the Seminary Library, to be known as the "*Class of '94 Alcove.*" The interest of $1,000, or more, is to be devoted to the purchase of books, bearing on the "Origin, History and Genius of the Reformed Church." As the Library is sadly defective in the theological literature of the present day, we think that this example is highly worthy of commendation and imitation.

In reference to a petition of the students praying that the Seminary should confer the degree of B. D. on all who may have pursued the prescribed course in the Seminary, the Board decided that the

Faculty should formulate a post-graduate of two or three years' study, in residence or at their homes, which would entitle all those who diligently pursue it to the *Degrees of Bachelor of Divinity*, on condition that each applicant at the completion of such course of study shall prepare a *Thesis* on some theological topic, to be examined and approved by the Faculty. This course having been adopted, application in each case shall be made by this Board to the College Board to confer the degree. The adoption of this plan, it is believed, will exert a happy effect upon those who have passed through the Seminary. We have just learned that a number of old students have expressed their intention to pursue this course of study as soon as it is prescribed.

The instruction in Elocution has been satisfactory, and the Board again recommends that the present arrangement be continued for another year. In that event the Eastern Synod is asked to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the sum of $100, the same as last year, as its part, to meet the necessary expenses.

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our duties in supervising the internal affairs of our venerable School of the Prophets, and it is now our privilege to report that the blessing of God has rested upon it from the beginning up to the present time, for which we are called upon to give thanks to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, ever bearing in mind that all our mercies come down to us through Christ, our Lord and our God, who is the Head of the Church, which is His Body.

During the last year one of our number, the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, passed away from earth to his reward in the skies. He became connected with the Board as far back as the year 1843, and from 1871 to 1894 he was its honored President, a position which he always filled in a highly acceptable manner. He was deeply interested in the prosperity of the Seminary during his long ministry, and the presence of this venerable father in Isreal was a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to his younger brethren. He rests in peace. His death was announced at the opening of the last annual meeting of the Board at Lancaster, and the Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller, of York, was appointed to fill his place as President.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 9, 1894.

E.—Report of Chairman of Building Committee Theological Seminary Building.

The committee to whom was entrusted the work of superintending the construction of the Seminary Buildings at Lancaster, Pa., beg leave to report:

That the main building was completed last May, and that the Library Building was completed a few weeks later.

On the 10th of May the new buildings were formally dedicated.

The services were conducted by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., and T. G. Apple, D. D. The dedicatory sermon being delivered by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

Your committees are highly gratified in being able to report that the suggestion made to your body one year ago and commended by it, viz.: that several individual members of the Church contribute a fund sufficient to cover the entire cost of the Library Building has been fully realized.

In the entrance to the Library Building is a tablet bearing the following inscription:

LIBRARY BUILDING.

FOUNDED BY

PHILIP SCHAFF, D. D., LL. D., New York.
CHARLES SANTEE, Philadelphia, Pa.
B. WOLFF, JR., Pittsburgh, Pa.
JACOB Y. DIETZ, Philadelphia, Pa.
MARY HEILMAN, Heilmandale, Pa.
MARGARET SCHOLL HOOD, Frederick, Md.
P. C. WIEST, York, Pa.
FRANK H. HERSH, Allentown, Pa.
AARON L. LEINBACH, D. D., Reading, Pa.
B. BAUSMAN, D. D., Reading, Pa.
JACOB B. FRICKER, Reading, Pa.
H. D. BRENEISER AND SON WALTER, Reading, Pa.
ELIZABETH DIETZ FRY, Philadelphia, Pa.
MAHLON HILLEGAS AND WIFE, East Greenville, Pa.
ELIZABETH LESH, Zion, Pa.
MARTIN L. LERCH, Freemansburg, Pa.,
And others.

The offerings made in the name of Elizabeth Dietz Fry and H. D. Breneiser and son Walter are of a memorial character; the one

contributed by a brother, Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, and the other by a recently bereaved wife and mother, Mrs. Henry D. Breneiser, of Reading.

Surely the three Synods and the Church generally have cause to rejoice over the rearing of this latest monument to the liberality and devotion of the friends of our Theological Seminary.

At a recent meeting of the Building Committee by a unanimous vote, it was decided to construct in the rear of the Library Building a house for the Janitor.

Although the need for such a building cannot be questioned, the action of the committee is submitted to your body for approval.

Should the approval of the Synod be given, it is not the purpose of your committee to construct the Janitor's house before the canvass shall have been completed, or until sufficient funds shall have been secured to cover the cost.

The Chairman of the Building Committee to present date has received from the canvass of charges, from individuals and from loans, and paid to the Treasurer of Synod, $69,856.69; and has paid out for the purchase of grounds, construction and furnishing of buildings, $77,965.74.

To meet the payment of existing claims and expenses which are likely to be incurred, and to cancel loans, there will be needed not less than $18,500.

As an offset to this statement there is reported an unpaid subscription list aggregating about $13.500, leaving a deficiency of $5000, which can readily be raised if the uncanvassed charges open their doors for the Synodical and Classical committees to enter and carry forward to completion the work assigned to them by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Bowman, *Chairman of Committee.*

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the Building Committee to examine the financial statement of the Chairman of the Building Committee hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers, and find the statement as above given to be correct.

The amounts paid through the hands of the Chairman of the Building Committee to the Treasurer of the Synod aggregate $69,856.69, and the expenditures for Seminary grounds, buildings,

furniture, etc., as per vouchers amount to $77,965.74; and further we find in the hands of the chairman of your committee the sum of $279.50.

JOHN D. SKILES.
T. J. HACKER.

LANCASTER, PA., October 18, 1894.

F.—Report of Superintendent of Canvass for the Seminary Building. To the Eastern Synod:

Your committee to collect funds for the erection of buildings for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster begs to submit the following: Your committee, together with the Chairman of the Building Committee, have endeavored to carry out the instructions given by your reverend body at its last annual meeting. We were instructed to so organize and carry forward the work placed in our hands so as to complete it, if possible, by May 1, 1894.

It would have been a great pleasure to have presented our final report at this time and ask for our honorable discharge. Some work remains to be done, and it rests with Synod to say by whom and how it shall be done. It is no fault, however, of the committees that they are unable at this time to make a final report. Causes over which we have had no control have combined to prevent the speedy completion of our work. The charges open to us have been canvassed, to all we have visited we have been most cordially received, our appeals have been listened to with interest, with what results the tabulated sums given below show.

The only reason to be assigned for our inability to complete the work in the time specified is that pastoral charges were not open to us, appeals by circular letters or personal visitation have been made to all the churches. It is proper to state, however, that some charges have not been canvassed on account of justifiable reasons, that a few are now open and several others will be in the near future; in a few instances the committee could get no responses from pastors addressed. If the fields which have been confidently relied upon for help will be opened, the entire cost of the ground and building can be provided for during the coming Synod year.

The following table accounts for all monies subscribed within the bounds of this Synod for grounds, the main building and library, their finishing and also a Janitor's house. The monies are credited to the several Classes; if the Synod so desires, a detailed report can

be given, at the close of the work, of all monies paid by separate charges.

	Subscribed.		Paid.		Unpaid.
East Pennsylvania, . . .	$2,127	65	$2,073	65	$54
Lebanon, ...	3,360	. . .	2,544	. . .	816
Philadelphia, ...	12,393	07	11,972	07	421
Lancaster, ...	14,621	53	13,829	53	792
East Susquehanna, ...	1,176	28	345	28	831
West Susquehanna, . . .	4,772	26	4,082	26	690
Goshenhoppen, ...	3,025	51	1,694	51	1,331
Tohickon, ...	11,105	45	10,618	45	487
Lehigh, ...	7,446	71	6,095	71	1,350
Schuylkill, ...	15,302	45	8,932	45	6,370
Wyoming, ...	466	55	316	55	150
	$75,796	46	$62,540	46	$13,292

This statement includes *all* unpaid subscriptions. Comparing these figures with those found in the the report made, or to be made, by the Chairman of the Building Committee it will be found that to provide for all expenses, viz., remaining indebtedness, borrowed money, interest, and to allow for shrinkage of subscriptions made, $5,000 more will need be raised. Touching this matter, your committee asks the advice of the Synod and awaits your action.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS J. MUSSER, *Superintendent.*

October 18, 1894.

Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Report on the Theological Seminary was read, acted on item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your committee on the Theological Seminary begs leave to offer the following report: The papers placed in our hands were these:

(1.) The report of the Board of Visitors; (2.) The report of the Board of Trustees; (3.) The report of the Treasurer; (4.) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; (5.) The report of the committee to collect funds for the erection of buildings for the Theological Seminary.

These reports present the following facts to which we call the attention of Synod:

(1.) From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1893, nineteen young men were admitted to the Junior Class; that the Middle Class consisted

of nineteen students, and that the Senior Class, twenty-four in number, having completed the course of study, were regularly dismissed and recommended to their respective Classes for licensure. Thus there were sixty-two students in the Seminary during the year. The Rev. William Rupp, D. D., was installed as Professor of Practical Theology, by the Synod of Pittsburgh, in October, 1893, and entered upon his duties in the Seminary after the Christmas recess. The Class of 1894 has agreed to endow an alcove in the sum of $1,000 or more, the interest of which is to be devoted to the purchase of books bearing on the "Origin, History and Genius of the Reformed Church." A post-graduate course of two years' study has been formulated, the completion of which will entitle the student to receive the degree of B. D. The Synod is asked to contribute again $100 toward the payment of the salary of the Teacher of Elocution in the Seminary during the coming year.

2. The Board of Trustees held two meetings, at the latter of which a check of one thousand dollars was received from Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be used for the purchase of books for the Department of Archæology.

The completion of the new Seminary Buildings has increased the financial needs for the support of the institution, and the Riegel fund of $15,680 not being available as yet, this Synod is requested to apportion the sum of $600 to help meet current expenses.

3. From the report of the Treasurer we learn: (1.) That on October 1, 1894, there was due him a balance of $1,127.06. (2.) There are funds in his hands to the amount of $109,455.92, of which $94,418.69 is endowment, $5,000 is the Smaltz Fund, $1,819.96 is the Library Fund, $4,223.19 is the Pittsburgh Professorship Fund, $2,000.75 is the Church History Fund, $160.00 is the Sacred Rhetoric Fund, $833.33 is the William A. Wilt Fund, and $1,000 the Jacob Forney Fund.

4. From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education it appears that the receipts for the past year have been $3,448.78; expenditures $2,806.50, leaving a balance of $642.28.

(5.) The committee to collect funds for the erection of the Seminary Buildings reports: Amount subscribed $75,796.46; amount paid in $62,504.46.

In view of the facts thus brought to our attention, your committee recommends the following resolutions for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1. That Synod assume $100 towards the payment of the salary of the Teacher of Elocution and request the Finance Committee to apportion the same upon the Classes.

Resolved, 2. That Synod assume $600 to meet the current expenses of the Seminary for the coming year and instruct the Finance Committee to apportion said amount upon the Classes.

Resolved, 3. That Synod is gratified to learn that the Class of 1894 has consented to endow an alcove to contain books bearing on the "Origin, History and Genius of the Reformed Church."

Resolved, 4. That we have heard with much pleasure of the endowment, by Miss Mary Forney, of an alcove to contain books for the Department of Archæology, and we commend her example as worthy of imitation by others.

Resolved, 5. That we gratefully acknowledge the blessing of the great Head of the Church in the continued prosperity of our Theological Seminary, the number of students at present being larger than in any previous year of its history.

Resolved, 6. That we have learned with a high degree of pleasure and great satisfaction of the remarkable success of the committee appointed to collect funds for the erection of the Seminary Building.

Resolved, 7. That the committee be requested to continue the work until sufficient funds have been secured to liquidate all indebtedness on the buildings, and that the pastors and consistories of uncanvassed charges be urged to open the way, at the earliest possible date, for a canvass of their respective congregations.

Resolved, 8. That we rejoice in the completion of the Seminary and Library Buildings, and that we hereby make record of our gratitude to the ministry and people who have aided so generously in bringing to a successful consummation this worthy project.

Respectfully submittted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Eastern Synod.—Elders Chas. Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa., for six years; Elders John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa., for four years; Elders Geo. G. Heilman, Heilmansdale, Pa.; Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa., for two years.

Potomac Synod.—Elders Geo. N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa , for six years; H. Wirt Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md., for four years; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa., for two years.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Elders Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa.; P. Heil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; Jno. Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa., for four years; Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa., for two years.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; Conrad Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md., for four years; Revs. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Jacob O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa., for two years.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Albert E. Truxal, D. D., Manor Station, Pa.; Andrew J. Heller, D. D., Berlin, Pa.

Trustees of F. & M. College, Lancaster, Pa.

Eastern Synod.—Samuel P. Heilman, M. D., Heilmandale, Pa., elected for ten years

Pittsburgh Synod.—B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., elected for ten years.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and the Board of Visitors be severally instructed to report from time to time to the Synods the names of members on these Boards whose term of office expires.

The Annual Register of the Franklin and Marshall College was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. M. O. Noll, S. P. Brown and Elder A. Schwenk, who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your special committee to whom was referred the catalogue and the report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we have examined the Annual Register of the College, and note with pleasure the steady increase in the number of students and the efficiency and general prosperity of the institution.

2. We realize that out of this increased attendance and general prosperity grows the necessity of a larger and better equipment and endowment for the institution.

3. We commend the College with its privileges and necessities to the patronage, support and liberality of our people; and recommend that the Synod, in its pastors and people, coöperate with the Board of Trustees in its scheme to increase the endowment and equipment of the College.

4. *Resolved*, That hereafter the standing committee now known as "Committee on Theological Seminary" shall hereafter be known as "Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College."

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. NOLL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States From September 1, 1893, to September 1, 1894.

BRETHREN:—We again submit to you for your consideration. a report of the operations of the General Board of Missions for the past year. The year covered by this report ends August 31, 1894, although the statistical table attached to the end of this report contains the results of the work only up to April 1, 1894. Last year, being the year of the meeting of General Synod, and, the triennial report to said Synod being extensively circulated, no annual report was issued for general circulation. This year, however, the Board sends among the churches a full and complete report of its operations during the past twelve months, so that all may know what has been done for the extension of the work, and also that the Church may fully appreciate the importance of the work that still lies before her.

We feel it but right that at the beginning of this report we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church in so signally prospering our work and giving us success. The year has been one of trials in church work. There are at all times plenty of obstacles in the way when the servants of Christ

ndertake to extend His Kingdom, but the year just past has been especially fruitful in these obstacles. When the year commenced the Board had as many missions on its rolls as the apportionments would justify. Many urgent appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. A few additional missions were enrolled, while some already on the roll became self-supporting. Then came the stringent times, and during the entire year there has been a continual struggle to keep the financial credit of the Board upon a good basis. Many requests for the establishment of new missions had to go unheeded, not that the Board was anxious to do additional work, but because of the lack of money. When we say that the Board could not answer all the demands made upon it, the Church must not suppose that the work was in any way curtailed. The past year saw a larger amount of money used in the Home Mission work of the Church than during any previous year of her history. That for which we should give special thanks to God is the fact that, while financial disaster was a common thing throughout the land, the Board has been enabled to pay the missionaries in full to date without incurring any indebtedness. This is rather remarkable when we remember that our sister Churches have been and are now heavily involved as the result of the stringency of the times. What the condition of our treasury will be at the end of the present quarter no one can now tell, but from present indications we may expect a considerable deficiency. We have faith in the Church, however, and are fully persuaded that the funds will be on hand in due time with which to meet the liabilities of the Board. It still remains true, that while the work done was not less in any department, yet there was not the increase made that would have been, had the times been more prosperous.

As before stated, many appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. There is something strange about these numerous calls. They come to us from the large cities as well as the smaller towns and country districts. There was a time when it was a question where we should go, as a Church, to open up new missions. There seemingly were no "Macedonian cries" coming to us. Now all this is changed. The calls are more numerous than we can answer. God is opening up fields for us and presenting opportunities which should claim the earnest attention of the Church. God never presents opportunities without at the same time supplying the means to lay hold upon them. The many invit-

ing fields that lie open before us should be an intimation to us that God expects us to go in and possess them. More liberal means must be provided for the enlarged work which murt be accomplished. The extension of the Church should be kept before our people in order that the means may be provided by which the Board may occupy the new places continually presenting themselves. The next decade should witness a much greater expansion of the work than the one just closed. The opportunities for this are at hand. Let us embrace them as God gives us the means.

The Missions.

At the end of this report will be found the statistical table of the missions. This table gives the statistics of all the missions on the roll of the Board on March 31, 1894. There are included on this roll all missions that have been accepted by the Board and to be enrolled up to October 1, 1894. Hence it will be seen that those missions that have been enrolled since April 1, 1894, do not have the statistical column filled out, but it was deemed best to enroll them with the rest, so that the Synods may be enabled to see the amount of the appropriations in full. Including the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, and the three congregations supplied by Superintendent Shuey, there have been during the year one hundred missions on the roll of the Board. Counting those under the care of Brother Shuey a single mission, there were ninety-eight. Of these Warren, Ohio; Dakota and Damascus, Illinois; Burlington and Concord, North Carolina; Du Bois and Easton, Pennsylvania, have passed off the roll, leaving ninety-one under the care of the Board. In these ninety-one missions there are one hundred and forty congregations. While seven missions have passed from the roll, there have been enrolled the following: Notaway, Michigan; Hamilton and Massillon, Ohio; Yorkton, Canada; Denver, Colorado; Edinburg and Stonington, Illinois; Everett, Washington; and Thomasville and Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Holton, Kansas, which has heretofore been served by Superintendent Shuey, althoguh regularly organized, has during the year secured a pastor, making in all eleven additional missions that have been entered upon the roll of the Board. Several of these are very important missions and were enrolled, although the Board could hardly see the way open, financially, to do so. Massilon, Ohio, was regarded as as a specially fine opening, and the marked progress of the mission

justified the Board in its belief. At Denver, Colorado, we have had a church for a number of years—exclusively German. The congregation dwindled down to a handful of members, while the church property was being mortgaged to keep up the running expenses of the congregation. Under this condition of things the General Board was asked to take charge and establish an English mission. The Board had to assume a debt of $2,500 to save the church property, and it felt that the mission must be made prevailingly English to succeed. Rev. D. A. Winter was sent there in May of this year and reports a hopeful outlook. Hamilton, Ohio, was enrolled with the express understanding that the appropriation shall be reduced $100 annually.

In a number of the missions, houses of worship were erected during the year, and others are now engaged in building chapels or churches. Several parsonages have also been built. The missions are as prosperous as can be expected. As in old charges, so in missions, there are many discouraging features connected with the work. There is a small number of these missions which must ultimately be turned over to the Classes to which they belong to be supplied. Where there is no reasonable prospect for a mission to become self-supporting in a reasonable time the Classes should, by reconstruction of charges, take care of such fields. This is the policy of the Board, but it finds it somewhat difficult at times to carry it out. The missions in Kansas and Nebraska will be called upon to contend with special difficulties on account of the stringency of the times and the failure of crops. The great majority of the missions, however, are in a very prosperous condition, and the Church should give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity that has attended the work.

The Expenses of the Year.

The expense roll of the Board is gradually lengthening, and the amount needed will increase with each year. During the year past special efforts were made to keep down the expenses. The Board must keep the expenditures within the limits of the apportionments with a liberal allowance for delinquencies. It is a fact that the Synods never pay the apportionments in full. It seems a little strange to the Board that the appointments for Classical and Synodical expenses, also for Beneficiary education, are paid in full, and that the delinquencies fall so heavily on missions. Whatever the

cause, the Board must recognize the fact and make allowances accordingly.

During the year the outlay of the Board reached the sum of $36,000, or within a fraction of that amount. It would have been more had it not been for the fact that several of the missions requiring the heaviest outlay were vacant during part of the year. The above sum includes what was paid for Hungarian and Harbor Missions. There was quite a delinquency on the apportionments, but this was made up by special contributions and by what the Women's Missionary Societies contributed to the cause. While the Board had to economize and leave undone work that should have been done, still we are glad to say that the missionaries were all paid promptly, and all other liabilities met. This refers, of course, only to missions proper and not to the Church extension feature of the work.

Harbor Mission.

This important work at the port of New York is under the care of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. When he took charge of the mission he was an Elder in the Church, but he has lately been licensed and ordained, and is thus enabled to perform all ministerial functions. He devotes all his time to the immigrants, excepting on Sunday, when he preaches to a small mission congregation in the city, but even this is more or less connected with his work among the immigrants. The main features of the work are: to receive the immigrants as they arrive; to direct them to homes and lodging places in the city, so as to protect them against the sharpers who are always ready to take advantage of them; to see that those who have selected homes in different States are put on the proper trains—in short to help them in every way possible and give them all needed information. As many of these immigrants are members of the Reformed Church, the missionary must see to it that they are reported to the pastors of the Church who may reside in or near the places where they propose to settle. He must also look after the poor who need help, and those who have no proper protectors. This requires much labor and a great amount of correspondence. So much work is required that the missionary suggests the need of an assistant. Efficiently to do the work that should be done, an assistant could be employed to good advantage, but the Board, for various reasons, has not deemed it best to appoint one. Other Churches, however, have taken such action, and with great benefit to the work.

The salary formerly paid the missionary was less than $800, which was deemed entirely inadequate for one in his position in the city of New York. Other Churches have been paying more liberal salaries, and it was deemed but proper that our Church should give better compensation to her representative in that city.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee last October his salary was made $1,000 per annum, and that is the amount he now receives. This increased salary will demand a correspondingly increased liberality on the part of the Synods toward this mission. The Board asks of the Synods that at their annual meetings this fall they increase somewhat the amounts they gave prior to the present year. The work is an important one, and the Church should liberally sustain it. Brother Sommerlatte is an indefatigable worker, and in every way seems to be the right man in the right place, and should have the sympathy and liberal support of the whole Church.

The Hungarian Work.

This work still demands the care and sympathy of the whole Church. The work is as important as ever, but during the year past did not make the progress that some in the Church may have expected. This can be accounted for upon the ground of the stringency of the times. The Hungarian immigration has fallen off very decidedly during the past year, while not a few, who had the means, returned to their native land again. Among those who remained the destitution was very great during part of the year. Many of them, instead of being in a position to help along with the church work, needed the charity of the Church at large to bridge over the last winter. Especially was this the case in and about Pittsburgh and Cleveland. We cannot, therefore, report any marked gain in the membership, but we are glad to say that the work is being brought upon a better basis. At first the work was somewhat of an experiment, but such is no longer the case. The Board has the work under complete control, and the future looks exceedingly hopeful. During the year an additional missionary arrived from Hungary in the person of Rev. Frank Ferenczi. He is a young man, and when he arrived he was only a licentiate. He was ordained by theAllegheny Classis and was placed in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. He has proven himself, thus far, a man of marked ability and energy. He is blessed with business tact, as well as with preaching talents, and has placed the church in Pittsburgh upon a

much better foundation than it formerly occupied. He has arranged his plans to gradually pay off the debt that rests upon the church property, so as to make it the exclusive property of his own people and congregation. This is a good movement, as it will teach the Hungarians to do something for themselves and for their own church.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in January last, Rev. Kovacs appeared before it, and asked that he be allowed to lead a colony of his countrymen to Assinaboia in Canada. He made this plea upon the ground that many of his countrymen were farmers in their native land and not mechanics and tradesmen, and that they longed for the simple country life to which they were accustomed in Hungary. He claimed, furthermore, that the Canadian authorities had made an offer of two townships of land gratis, if such a colony were founded. At first the Committee was not so favorably disposed toward the project, but after some consideration Brother Kovacs was granted permission to go and plant the Church among his countrymen in the far Northwest. In his last report he stated that there were then with him some seventy families, and that more were coming soon. The Board assumed no traveling expenses, either for himself or the people he took with him. He simply receives his $600, as formerly, as salary. It is hoped that the good brother may be successful in his venture.

Already last October Brother Jurany, of Cleveland, notified the Board that he proposed to resign his position as missionary among the Hungarians in Cleveland, Ohio. He did this upon the ground that he is a German by birth, and largely by education, and that he felt that he could do more efficient work among the Germans than Hungarians. He, however, promised to remain at his post until the Board could find a successor. A correspondence was at once commenced with the proper authorities in Hungary, for a good man to take the place of Brother Jurany. But the Board was not successful in getting the right man until lately. Brother Harsangye has been selected, and has promised to come. He is highly recommended for the mission work by those who know him. Likely by the time this report is sent out into the Church he will be at work in Cleveland. Until he does come Brother Jurany will occupy the field. The stringent times made it almost impossible to go forward with the erection of a chapel for the Hungarian congregation in Cleveland. Quite lately an offer has been made of a church property which is

regarded very reasonable. The Evangelical Association has a church and parsonage in the Hungarian quarter of the city. There is hardly a call there for an English church. The church is a good one and the parsonage has ten rooms in it. This property is offered for $5,500. It is well located, fronting on Madison avenue. The Evangelical people offered to take, as part pay, the lot which the Hungarians now own and for which they paid $1,280. This is a grand opportunity, but the extension funds are not on hand with which to purchase it. What is the advice of the Synods on this point? This whole matter of gathering funds and overseeing the erection or purchase of the chapel was placed in the hands of a special committee, and the project will be carried forward in a way deemed best for the Hungarian congregation and the Church.

Brother Kovacs going to Canada, leaves Brother Ferenczi with all the churches about Pittsburgh, and those farther east, under his care. He claims that he has all that he can do with the churches in Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Braddock, Beaver Falls and others; and that he can not see to those in New York, Bridgeport, Bangor and other points. Arrangements have been made by which the latter points will be supplied, but in the very near future an additional missionary must be procured if the work is to be extended as now seems necessary. It is necessary that a larger amount of money be contributed for this work, and, as it was undertaken by the direct action of the General Synod, the Board feels that both the English and German Synods should be alike interested in this work. The Board, therefore, asks that the Synods apportion the following sums for Hungarian work, for the ensuing year.

Eastern Synod	$1,000
Potomac "	500
Pittsburgh "	450
Ohio "	400
Northwestern Synod	250
Central Synod	200
German Synod of the East	140
Synod of the Interior	90

This sum, with what additional will be contributed by the Women's Missionary Societies, will enable the Board to carry forward the work successfully for the present.

Church Extension.

This branch of the work continues to be of the utmost importance to us as a Church. It is the more important from the fact that it has been so long neglected. Now, more than ever before, is the Church in need of a strong fund which will enable her to engage in city work, and plant her standards in the centers of population. We are compelled to repeat in this report, what has often been repeated before, that the Church will not and cannot make the progress she deserves until a more determined effort is made to establish a strong extension fund. During the year past there was a greater demand for these funds than in any previous year. The income of the Board was quite considerable, but not, by any means, sufficient to meet the requirements of the work. The following is the report of Treasurer Boush.

DR.

Received from Contributions	$4,594.37
" " Bequests and Legacies	4,737.50
" " Loans	3,500.00
" " Interest on Loans	309.00
" " Money returned by Missions	400.00
	$13,550.87

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Interest on Borrowed Funds	$476.75
For Church Property at St. Joseph, Mo.	4,768 87
" " " Columbus, Ohio	2,386.15
" " " Ada, Ohio	500.00
" " " Chicago, Ill.	2,953.35
" " " Massillon, Ohio	1,000.00
" " " Lima, Ohio	1,650.00
	$13,735.12
Due the Treasurer	194.25

In the contributions received are included the special funds given by different persons, which have been noticed in the periodicals of the Church and need not be named here. The General Board received three special funds of $500 each, and a fourth is nearly full.

The bequests and legacies above mentioned were not made for Church extension especially, but were given for missions in general. The Board uses them in this work for the present, and when paid back by the missions will be used as invested funds.

It will be seen that the Board was under the necessity of borrowing $3,500 during the year. Much as this may be regretted, there was no other alternative, unless the work would have been allowed to suffer to such an extent as to have ended in failure at different points. The Board must see to it that the city missions are properly supported when once founded, and this can only be done by the use of extension funds.

The Board used $13,735.12 in this way, and in addition to this, sum the Bi-Synodic Board received four special funds of $500 each and $1,100 by contributions from the churches, making in all $16,-835.12. Double this sum could have been used to good advantage.

The entire indebtedness of the Board is now about $7,000. Pressing as are the needs of the Board, the time has come when it must call a halt in the matter of borrowing money for this purpose until the Church comes to its help in a more pronounced way.

It will be seen from Treasurer Boush's report that the missions are paying the interest on the money borrowed from the Board, and that some of them are paying back the money loaned to them.

The missions at St. Joseph, Mo., Ada and Lima, Ohio, are paid in full and need no further aid. Massillon and Chicago have deferred payments that must be met next year.

In order to save the church property of the Denver Mission, the Board will be compelled to effect a loan, in October of this year, of $2,500. This will make the entire indebtedness nearly $10,000, less what the Church may contribute from this time until October 1, 1894.

In view of the importance of this work, and the great need of funds to meet the liabilities now resting upon it, the Board earnestly requests of the Synods that they take such action as will bring this feature of the work prominently before the Church, so that liberal contributions may be given in aid of it. The Board asks, also, that an apportionment of six cents per member be made for this good cause. The Board feels that the apportionment for this work should be much larger, but on account of the stringent times only one cent additional over last year is asked. It is hoped that the Synods will gladly give this much to this worthy and important object.

It would be well if every Classis in the Church could be induced to raise a special fund of $500 for this purpose. Every Classis in the Ohio Synod has one or two such funds to its credit, with one exception. Every Synod should urge upon its Classes to help along the general work by contributing liberally to this worthy object.

The Chicago Mission.

The English mission of Chicago is one of the most important on the list. It is not any more flourishing than many others, although the outlook is very hopeful, but the fact that Chicago is centrally located between the East and West makes it of vast importance to the Church. The fact, also, that this city has a population of nearly a million and a half, with only about one-third of it attending upon the means of grace, makes it doubly important that our Church should engage in mission work within its limits. The importance of such a mission has long been acknowledged, but the work was not undertaken until a little more than a year ago. Up to date the mission has made good progress, the attendance at the Sunday services being good, while the Sunday-school has grown beyond the capacity of the hall in which it is held. The need of a chapel has been felt from the organization of the mission. The Board deemed it so important that a lot was purchased this spring on the corner of Jackson avenue and Washtena street for the sum of $8,775. This is a good location in a good part of the city. The Board made a general appeal to the Church to help purchase this lot, but realized only about $1,500 from it. One-third of the lot has been paid, and the remainder is to be paid in four annual payments. The important thing is the erection of a chapel. To do this about $6,000 are required. For the mission to raise this sum of money is out of the question. There are no strong Reformed churches in or near the city from whom much help can come. The other Reformed churches of the city have all they can do to meet their own needs. It has been a question with the Board how help shall be extended to this good cause. Some Eastern brethren suggested the idea of asking the English Synods to make a special apportionment in aid of this worthy object. That seemed feasible, and yet the Board hesitated to make this request. It was, however, decided by the Board that in the "Annual Report" the Synods should be requested to provide, in any way they deem best, a sufficient sum to aggregate, say, $4,500. The remaining $1,500 can be raised by the mission. If the Synods think that this sum can best be raised by an agent, then let them so indicate; but if they think it best to apportion the sum or recommend that it be raised by voluntary contributions, then let it be so arranged. The Board begs, most earnestly, of the Synods that this important matter be taken under consideration and some means devised by which the money can be obtained. Each Synod can de-

termine its proportion of the amount. This request is made solely upon the ground that Chicago, more than any other city in the land, has claims upon the entire Church, since in this mission are members from every part of the Church; also from the fact that little help can be expected locally, except what the business men and citizens may contribute. Let it be remembered that there is not a city in the land that needs the efforts of the Church more, or as much, as Chicago.

Sunday-school Missions.

At the General Synod at Reading action was taken creating the office of Sunday-school Secretary. This office was subsequently filled by the Sunday-school Board, by the election of Rev. Rufus W. Miller to that position. That Board, under the leadership of its Secretary, has taken steps to engage in mission work in the home field. The mission Sunday-school holds a prominent position in the mission work of other Churches, and there is no good reason why it should not hold an equally important position in the Reformed Church. Almost every successful mission grows out of a Sunday-school, so that it and the mission are inseparable. A start has been made in this good work, and it is well that the Synods should take note of it and give it such help as is needed. Three Sunday-schools have been organized, under the direction of the Sunday-school Secretary, at New Kensington, Pa., and at Youngstown and Warren, Ohio. These schools are reported as having very bright prospects before them. There is a great work to be done in the large cities of the land in the way of gathering the children into mission schools. This work has been greatly neglected, even by the strong and wealthy churches. In many sections of the large cities, we are told by competent authority, the majority of the children are not in the Sunday-schools. To do mission work successfully in such communities the Sunday-school authorities can do very much to open the way. But back of this Sunday-school mission work must stand the Mission Board, sufficiently well equipped to take up the work where the Sunday-school must of necessity leave off. The Sunday-school mission work and the work of the Board of Missions are closely allied, and must go hand in hand so as to avoid anything like a conflict. The Mission Board is limited in its operations by the men and means furnished by the Church, and can annually take up only a certain number of new fields. It is, therefore, evident to every one, that if the Sunday-school Board starts a larger number of new enterprises than the

Board of Missions can take up and sustain in the form of new missions, nothing will be gained. If, however, the Sunday-school Board will take up such towns and cities as the Mission Board is ready to enter, and first establish the Sunday-school, to be closely followed by the Mission Board with a missionary to take up and continue the work, then a great and lasting work can be accomplished for the upbuilding of the Church. It is comparatively easy to establish a Sunday-school in any of our larger cities, but when the Mission Board must continue the work commenced in the Sunday-school, in the establishment of a mission, at an expense of from $800 to $1,000 annualy for the missionary, then the real difficulties commence. The Synods should duly consider this matter, and the Synodical Sunday-school Boards and the Synodical Mission Boards should so work together as to aid the General Board in the establishment of missions within the bounds of the different Synods only as rapidly as men and means will permit.

The Women's Work.

There was a time in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States when the women did comparatively little in church work, except what they did for the advancement of the congregation to which they belonged. That was a great deal, and we must not underrate the work and influence of our mothers in the past history of the Church. We, at times, hear assertions made, which, if true, would make her of no force whatever in the past work of the Church. This is all wrong, and wrong because it is untrue. But the women of our Church have come into enjoyment of privileges and blessings in modern Church work, of which those of fifty years ago, knew comparativey little. They are laying hold upon these privileges and blessings in a way that must tell for the future good of the Church.

At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, held at Reading, Pa., at the time of the meeting of the General Synod, the Society resolved to give annually for the next three years, the sum of $4,000 for the home work. The first year of this term is not up as yet, as the apportionments were only made in the fall of 1893 and did not reach the Classical societies until the spring of 1894, so that we are not able to determine as yet, how much this action will yield for the support of the Board. The last report of Treasurer Reber shows, however, that the women are paying into our treasury quite liberal sums. Some seem to think, that what the women pay

only reduces the apportionment by so much, but such is evidently not the case. Their contributions are largely in addition to the apportionments, and, during the past year enabled the Board to make up, in part at least, the delinquency on the apportionments.

In the Eastern Synods they have been doing liberal things for Hungarian work, and have promised to do even more liberally in the future. In the Western Synods, where the demands are so urgent, they have been doing nobly. For instance, the Woman's Missionary Societies of General Synod requested the Woman's Missionary Societes of the Synod of the Interior to contribute a certain sum toward the $4,000 pledged. This sum will be on hand in full by the time the Synod meets in Hiawatha, Kansas, in October.

The women have also been helping grandly in the extension work. Many of the Classes in the Eastern Synods, have already raised, or are now engaged in raising, special Church-building Funds. The women of the Ohio Synod are now raising such a fund of $500, and at the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis it was resolved to raise such a fund, and so the good work goes on. The Woman's Missionary Societies have been fruitful of great good. The Board can testify to the correctness of this statement and the Synods would do well to encourage the formation of Woman's Societies.

Where the general societies are considered preferable, embracing men, women and young people, let them be founded by all means, but a society of some kind, in some form, is a great help to awaken missionary enthusiasm in the Church.

Estimates for the Year.

Elsewhere in this report is given a statement of the expenses of the Board for missions direct as nearly $36,000. That sum paid eighty-seven missionaries. It included all that the Synods paid and all the special moneys that came into the treasury.

Beginning with October, the Board will have ninety-one missions on its roll. Some of these missions receive but small appropriations, as they are very near the line of self-support. Many of the newer missions, however, have been enrolled within a few years past, and, being city missions, the appropriations are quite large.

Including the cost of the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, the salaries of the Superintendents, and the running expenses of the Board, the sum required for the ensuing year will fall little short of $40,000. Then, the Synods must take into consideration the fact that

there are a few points that must be enrolled, no matter how limited the funds, upon the ground that the work cannot stand still, but must go forward. We have already asked for $3,000 for the Hungarian work and now ask for $40,000 for the general work of the Board. Then the Board also requests that the $1,000 for the Harbor missionary be provided for, as before stated, and that it be in addition to these sums. The Harbor missionary is paid, it must be remembered, by the German as well as English Synods. This will make a grand total of $44,000 for the year.

Whether right or wrong, or whether or not we like to admit it, yet it is true that there is always a shortage on the apportionments, and the sum asked for will not more than reach, when we make allowance for the shrinkage. Having provided for the Hungarian and Harbor missions we ask the Synods to make the following apportionments for the $40,000.

Eastern Synod	$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburg "	4,500
Interior "	1,500
	$40,000

This is the same amount that was apportioned last year, with a possibly small increase in the Hungarian estimate. We would here again earnestly beg of the Synods to assume fully the $3,000 for the Hungarian cause, as there will certainly be one or two additional missionaries needed, within a comparatively short time, in this department of the work. The Board would urge the Synods to take such action, if possible, as to insure the collection of the apportionments. The Board is severely blamed at times for not opening up missions at, what seem to be, favorable places If the Board were to take up all points that are urged as important it would soon be involved in a hopeless debt and would receive the severe censure of the Church. A certain sum is asked for and accepted by the Synods. If the Board could fully depend on the sum thus promised it would know just what to do. Under the present way of doing, however, it has no specified sum to depend upon with a certainty. Where there are vacant and delinquent charges it would be well for the Classes to send committees into them to collect the apportionments.

The Outlook.

The question is frequently asked as to what the outlook is, in our Church, for aggressive mission work. Those who ask the question seem to intimate, by the very way they make this inquiry, that there should be more spirit and enthusiasm put into the work than formerly, or even than at the present time. It can hardly be denied but that we lack somewhat in that enthusiasm which has enabled other denominations, no stronger than we, to do great things along missionary lines. If our theology is good, and our educational system of religion what the age needs, then there ought to be a fiery enthusiasm among us to extend the borders of the Church, so as to give to men what we believe is needful for their salvation. We see this spirit in other denominations. For instance, the Cumberland Presbyterians, until lately, had but three congregations in Chicago. They felt that they had a mission there and ought to work among the unsaved thousands of that great city. They organized their fourth church in Englewood, in the south part of the city. They are now erecting a church building at a cost of $70,000, most of which comes from outside of the city, $20,000 coming from Ohio alone. This may be deemed extravagance by some, but it were well if our Church had a little more zeal to plant her standard in the great centers of population. We need to emphasize our denominational life more than we have done in the past.

To answer the question as to what the outlook is for the future, we may say:

First. That as regards the men and means the outlook is more hopeful than ever. The Church is growing more liberal and money comes into the treasury more freely than was formerly the case. All the various forces of the Church are at work for her extension, which was not so a few decades ago. For the home and foreign work in all the Synods, according to the latest estimates, there was expended last year, in their different branches, about $110,000. This makes an average of about fifty cents per member. This average is not large, but vastly more so than twenty years ago. This shows a healthy growth and substantial progress in liberal giving. The young men are also more willing to go into mission fields than formerly. All these things combined give a very hopeful outlook for the future growth of the Church.

Second. As to the opportunities for the growth of the missionary work we can say that they never were as bright as to-day. There

Statistical Table—April 1, 1893, to April 1, 1894.

Missions.	Missionaries.	In What Synod.	Congregations.	Members		Baptisms.	Additions.				Losses.				Contributed for Congregat'nal Purposes.		Contributed for Benevolent Purposes.						Sunday Schools.				Missionary Societies.		Church Building.		Parsonages.			
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[illegible]erry, Md.	E. R. Deatrick	"	1	169	120		11	15	10	1	26	3	11	1	15	635	166	801	5		237	242		60	1	5	16	150	170	1	50	1	3500		1	1000		650
[illegible]a.	I. N. Peightel	"	1	216	112	2	12	13	11	11	35	2		2	4	475	1070	1545	67		1440	1467	181	30	1	7	14	300	321		1	7000		1	3500	6000	600
[illegible]wn, Pa.	S. U. Mitman	Eastern	1	102	50		10	14	31	4	52		6		6	400	116	516	45	30	17	92		23	1	6	13	202	221	1	30	1	6000	3500			3000	500
[illegible], Pa.	O. P. Steckel	"	1	137	90		11	11		1	12	6	2		8	525	190	715	8		46	54	21	20	1	8	15	132	155			1	2500		1	3000	2000	
[illegible]urg, Pa.	M. H. Sangree	"	1	60		1	12	3		2	5	5	6		11		321	321	5	10	25	40	10	10	1	6	11	125	142	1	54						100
[illegible]er, Pa.	W. F. Lichliter	"	1	195	225	1	42	19		3	21	3	2	17	22	300	1274	1574			107	107	28	7	3	14	55	592	661	1	70	1	7500				3000	300
[illegible]lphia, Pa.	W. Delaney	"	1	190	75	4	20	11	7	9	30	1	7	1	9	624	460	1084						10	1	6	14	315	335			1	15000	3900			3000	450
[illegible]lphia, Pa.	Henry Tesnow	"	1	142	35	11	25	43	11	32	89	2			2	208	219	417	13		10	23	6	25	1	4	28	268	300			1	7000	3000			1200	50
[illegible]lphia, Pa.	J. H. String	"	1	88	17	2	16	23	22	30	75						397	397	63			63		20	1	5	14	193	212	1	28	1	13000	9500			6000	50
[illegible]lphia (West) Pa.	H. H. Apple	"	1	172	71	2	9	5	20	6	31	1	4	2	7	561	864	1425	72	15	9	96	81	40	1	8	9	96	113	1	40	1	19000	6000			5000	200
[illegible]ville, Pa.	F. C. Yost	"	1	158	35	9	3	12	3	6	21	1	2	10	13	667	580	1247	20	14	77	111	90	32	1	6	14	215	235	1	40	1	7000	650			3500	700
[illegible]tville, Pa.	A. H. Hibschman	"	1	94	59	7	12	14	2	1	17	1	1		2	600	492	1092	40	10	53	103	66	16	3	24	22	340	386	1	45						625
[illegible], Pa.	J. P. Stein	"	1	163	80	1	34	19	8	8	36	6			6	500	717	1217	14		29	34	20	50	1	13	16	300	329			1	15000				10000	500
[illegible]ford, Pa.	O. H. E. Rauch	"	1	108	40	2	5	4	12	4	20		1		1	400	103	505			22	22		7	1	6	22	180	208	1	100	1	4000	2100			5000	400
[illegible], Pa.	W. H. Stubblebine	"	1	62	36	4	7	14	5	5	28	1			1		475	475		5	9	14	5	2	1	4	8	61	76			1	6000				750	100
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Mission, N. Y.	Paul Sommerlatte	"																																	

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are numerous points waiting our coming. In the East, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities need additional missions, and already the brethren are organizing Sunday-schools which, in the near future, will grow into missions. Beyond the Allegheny Mountains, within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, there are a score of places where missions should be opened. Going westward, we have Youngstown, Toledo, Indianapolis, Omaha, where work should be commenced at once; while an additional English mission should be planted in West Columbus and West Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to the cities we have mentioned, there are many smaller towns along the Mississippi and Missouri where the Church is called for. We repeat again, that our opportunities never were so many, neither so hopeful. Will the Church arouse herself and put on her strength, and go forth to do greater battle for the Lord?

Conclusion.

We bring our operations before the Synods for their examination. A full account is given of the work done during the past year. We can but wish that much more had been done, since much more should have been done. The Board, however, did the best it could with the means at hand. Full satisfaction was not given, perhaps, to all parts of the Church, but this could hardly be expected. We have great reason to be encouraged, as a Church, with the progress of the work. Still greater efforts should be put forth for its extension. With gratitude to God, and with a strong faith in the greater success of the work in the future, we send forth this report among the churches.

D. S. FOUSE, *Miss'y Supt.*

II. Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: As the report of the General Board will cover the missions within your bounds, we need report less in detail than we did in former years.

In November, 1893, the Board reorganized for another four-year term by the election of the former officers, namely, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., as President, Rev. E. N. Kremer, as Secretary, and Elder John J. Nissley, as Treasurer. These three, with Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, who was reëlected by the General Board, Rev. C. S. Ger-

hard, D. D., Rev. John W. Pontius and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., form the Executive Council.

Although the Board has only advisory power, yet this fact involves great responsibility, and we have tried to be faithful to our trust. The quarterly reports of the missionaries, with whatever requests they contained, as well as all items of business that came before us from time to time received due attention.

The roll of missions is not greatly changed. While one mission, Hamilton, Wash., has been dropped from the roll, and two have become self-supporting, namely, Concord, N. C., and Easton, Pa., on the other hand four have been enrolled, namely, Thomasville, N. C., Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Everett, Wash., and Harrisonburg, Va. These enrollments really add but little to our outlay, for all receive only small appropriations, while Everett, Wash., is supported by special pledges made by the congregation in Frederick, Md., and by the Young People's Society of Christain Endeavor of Third Street Church, Easton, Pa.

The question of transferring our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, in progress a year ago, has not yet received final answer.

The list of Church-building Funds has lengthened from twenty-one on record a year ago to twenty-nine. The following have been received during the year: The Florence Clark Shuman Fund, from Elder Jeremiah S. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa., in memory of his deceased wife, The William and Susan Dice Fund, from the heirs of Elder William Dice, of Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa.; The John and Sarah E. Emig Fund, from three daugthers, members of Trinity church, York, Pa.; The Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis Fund, completed in May, 1894; The Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their children; The Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their brothers and sisters, the children of Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley; The Emmaunel's Hanover Fund, No. 3, from the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's Church, Hanover, Pa.; and lastly, The Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Fund, from Elder Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburg, Pa.

By direction of the Board the Superintendent last May published a second edition of the Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," enlarged and complete, the expense (except a small part) having been paid by Mrs. Ezra High, of the First Church, Reading, Pa.

Nearly seven hundred copies have been distributed, in the hope of awakening still greater interest in this important part of our work.

The report of Treasurer John J. Nissley, which is herewith presented, shows that both Synods have fallen far short of the apportionment for the support of the missionaries as well as in that for church-building, no doubt in part owing to the hard times.

While we gratefully report that the missions as a whole are doing well, and that the prospects for the new Synodical year are bright, the Board must at the same time, with some anxiety, express the hope that during the year to come the income from the Eastern and the Potomac Synods will be much larger than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

III. Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1893.	DR.		
Oct. 2.	To balance in the Treasury		$2,273.68

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.		
Philadelphia Classis	$2,134.58	
Tohickon Classis	1,021.62	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,317.29	
East Pennsylvania Classis	100.00	
Lebanon Classis	1,215.54	
Schuylkill Classis	2,066.13	
Lancaster Classis	999.56	
East Susquehanna Classis	683.02	
West Susquehanna Classis	614.48	
Lehigh Classis	1,548.02	
Wyoming Classis	697.96	$12,398 20
Synod of the Potomac.		
Maryland Classis	$1,751.96	
Mercersburg Classis	841.32	
Juniata Classis	841.30	
Carlisle Classis	534.66	
Zion's Classis	476.91	
Gettysburg Classis	197.33	
North Carolina Classis	100.00	
Virginia Classis	250.00	$4,993.48
		$19,665.36

Miscellaneous Sources for Missions.

Reformed Congregation, Ridgely, Md.	$22.05	
John Miller, Beavertown, Pa.	1.00	
Collection Eastern Synod at Lebanon, Pa.	13.57	
Women's Missionary Society, St. Paul's Church, Mahanoy City, Pa.	25.00	
Women's Missionary Society, Ashland, Pa., to complete pledge	15.00	
Rev. G. Graedel Ballard, Washington	7.00	
From Anonymous, Baltimore, Md.	4.00	
J. W. Bowman, 1st Dep. S. S. Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg	3.00	
St. Luke's Reformed Church, North Wales	11.20	
Ladies' Missionary Society, 1st Church, York, pledge for Rev. Sangree	50.00	
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	50.00	
Rev. A. B. Bauman, Harrisonville, Va.	7.22	
Missionary Society, Christ's Reformed Church, Lower Saucon, Pa.	15.00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster	5.00	
Christ's Evan. Reformed Church, Green Street, Phila.	143.27	
Reformed Congregation, East Vincent, Pa.	1.86	
Missionary Society, Pennsburg, Pa.	5.00	
St. John's Guild, Allentown, Pa.	1.00	
Reformed Congregation at Williamsport, Pa.	5.00	
Reformed Congregation at Frederick, Md., pledge for Everett, Washington	50.00	
First Church, Hanover, Pa, Lenten Offering	18.56	
Sunday-school, 1st Church, Hanover, Lenten Offering	19.00	
G. W. D. Enders, Fisherville, Easter Offering	7.00	
Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.	108.74	
St. Paul's Reformed Mission, Woodstock, Va.	10.00	
Third Church, Easton, Pa.	20.00	
Emmanuel's Congregation, Hanover, Pa.	100.00	
E. H. Burkholder and wife, Farmersville, Pa.	20.00	
Sunday-school Christ's Reformed Church, Phila.	50.00	
Women's Missionary Society, Mercersburg Classis	100.00	
Christian Endeavor Society, 3d Street Church, Easton, Pa.	25.17	
Mrs. Catharine Dickel, Harrisburg	15.00	
Mrs. Geo. B. Kelker, Harrisburg	10.00	
Interest on Nevin Boyer Memorial Fund	5.00	
Women's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	590.00	
Zwingli Missionary Society, Epler's Church, Lebanon Co.	15.00	
Dr. E. R. Eshbach, 3d payment for Everett, Washington	25.00	$1,573.64

Designated Funds for Missions.

Women's Missionary Society, Philadelphia Classis, for—		
Calvary Mission, Phila.	$15.00	
Bethlehem Mission account pledge	25.00	
Messiah Mission, an account $100 pledge . . .	10.00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. T. J. Bower	250.00	
" " per Dr. A. S. Raudenbush, for Rev. F. B. Hahn	600.00	
" " " Rev. H. Y. Stoner	400.00	
Lehigh Classis for Rev. M. J. Roth	150.00	
" " " " M. H. Dieffenderfer	200.00	
East Penna. Classis for C. Noss	35.00	
" " " " Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	291.65	
Lebanon Classis for Lykens' Charge	10.00	
" " " Jonestown Charge	1.00	
West Susquehanna Classis for Rev. S. Kuhn	100.00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast for Rev. M. H. Sangree	10.00	
Women's Missionary Society, St. Stephen's Lancaster, for Rev. Lewis Reiter	32.00	
Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach for Roanoke Mission	5.00	
" J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. for 4th Church, Harrisburg	50.00	
" D. E. Klopp, D. D., pastor for Stroudsburg Mission	45.00	
" " " " " " Hazleton "	15.00	
Pleasantvile Congregation for Rev. Henry Tesnow . . .	10.00	$2,254.65
		$23,493.65

Interest on Loans.

From Maryland Classis	$15.00	
" Rev. T. J. Bower	12.00	
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel	132.50	
" Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg	10.59	
" Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas	80.50	
" Spangler Legacy, York Bank Stock	37.50	
" L. C. Seidel	150.00	
" Rev. G. Graedel	16.00	
" Sophia and J. L. Grove	69.00	
" First Reformed Church, Royersford	20.00	
" Faith Mission, Baltimore	10.00	
" General Board	167.00	
" St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore	25.00	
" Calvary Reformed Church, Scranton	50.00	
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel	12.00	$807.09

Hungarian Missions.

J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	$334.70	
" " " " "	456.95	

Women's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, 3d quarterly payment	$75.00	
" " " " "	25.60	
" " " Philadelphia Classis	25.00	
St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, Woodstock, Va. . . .	3.93	
C. A. Shultz, Treasurer Zion's Classis	25.22	
Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis	32.00	
Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis	10.00	$988.40

Harbor Mission.

J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	$84.70	
" " " " "	45.53	$130.23
		$25,419.37

Disbursements.

Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer for Missions	$19,723.38
" Rev. Gotfried Vetter	50.00
" Amounts contributed for designated use	2,254.65
" James T. Reber, Treasurer for Hungarian Missions	988.40
" " " " " Harbor "	130.23
" Travelling expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Printing and Stationery	229.92
" Rev. D. B. Shuey for repairs, etc., to Parsonage at Emporia, Kansas	150.00
" Interest	154.25
" Wirt Legacy on loan to St. Paul's Reformed Church, at Roanoke, Va.	1,000.00
" Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150.00
Balance in Treasury	588.54
	$25,419.37

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., September, 1894.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD,
J. A. HOFFHEIN.

LANCASTER, PA., September 24, 1894.

Church-building.

1893.		
Oct. 2. To balance in Treasury		$381.47

Eastern Synod.

Lancaster Classis	$121.25
West Susquehanna Classis	158.44
East Susquehanna Classis	137.01
Schuylkill Classis	257 70

Lebanon Classis	$173.30	
East Pennsylvania Classis	104.37	
Goshenhoppen Classis	224.00	
Tohickon Classis	196.00	$1,372.07

Synod of the Potomac.

Carlisle Classis	$5.90	
Zion's Classis	8.60	$14.50

Miscellaneous Sources.

Mrs. Frank P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	$10.00	
Mrs. Ezra High, Reading, Pa.	50.00	
Missionary Society, Ridgely, Md.	5.00	$65.00

Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. J. David Miller, Carlisle Classis		$52.00
		$1,885.04

Church-building Funds.

John and Sarah Emig Fund	$500.00	
William and Susan Dice Fund	500.00	
Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Memorial Fund	600.00	
Florence Clark Shuman Fund	500.00	
East Pennsylvania Classis Fund	185.34	
Wyoming Classis Fund	146.00	
Catechumens Fund	68.79	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund	93.55	
Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Fund	470.00	
Emmanuel's Hanover Church Fund, No. 3	500.00	$3,563.68

Loans Repaid.

Maryland Classis, 3d payment 2d mortgage, Faith Mission	$150.00	
Rev. T. J. Bower	100.00	
Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg	177.80	
C. S Slagle, Treasurer, account Loan, Christ Church, Baltimore	200.00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremel, account of Loan	600.00	
Sophia and John L. Grove, mortgage paid	2,000.00	
Grace Reformed Church, Abilene, Kansas	100.00	
C. S. Slagle, Treasurer, 5th payment mortgage, Faith Mission, Baltimore	150.00	$3,477.80
Loan from John J. Nissley		1,500.00
		$10,426.52

Disbursements.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer, Church Extension	$381.47	
" Balance account $3,000 Loan to St. Paul's Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va.	2,000.00	
" Amount contributed by East Susquehanna Classis Church-building to Rev. L. D. Steckel for Tower City Mission	137.01	
" Donation to Rev. Henry Tesnow, Messiah Mission, Philadelphia	200.00	
" Rev. W. F. Lichliter to cancel debt on Church.	150.00	
" Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, Synod of the Potomac, for Church Extension, Baltimore	52.00	
" Loan to Fourth Reformed Church, Harrisburg . .	1,500.00	
" Rev. J. C. Leonard to aid in building Church, Thomasville, N. C.	250.00	
" Loan from J. J. Nissley	1,500.00	
" Rev. A. C. Whitmer for Postage, etc., on Building Fund tracts and letters	12.15	
" C. M. Boush, Treasurer, Church Extension, one-half contributed by the different Classis for Church-building	693.28	
Balance in Treasury	3,550.61	$10,426.52

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., September, 1894.

We, the undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD,
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

LANCASTER, PA., September 24, 1894.

IV. Secretary' Report—Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your Reverend body its usual annual statement, showing a decline, during the last year, in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principal exceptions just referred

to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase in membership and the falling off in contributions, in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girls' School; with Rev. Schneder not sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work; with Rev. Miller not sufficiently familiar with the language; with our out-posts left to the care of native evangelists as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese *yen*, which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many *yen* as they did the year before, but their value is much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists, in consequence of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of "Dismissals and Erasures" was 124 and deaths 31 (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections), yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it was the year before, while the number of baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1960 as against 1842, probably by this time 2000. There were five graduates from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the teaching and evangelistic departments was apparent to the Board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity for their service became immediately imperative was also clear. When, therefore, the Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church proposed to support a new missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he called the "C. E. Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the Board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., the "C. E. Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Md., who, after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University at Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will

be released from the Girl's School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and will be enabled to devote himself to his proper evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when, after another year, Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the Board anticipates a forward movement in our work such as it has not been in our power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan, as here at home. Will the home Church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you, beloved brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the Board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The measure was new to the Church, and commanded the coöperation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the Board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Brother Noss, we most respectfully ask your reverend body to designate the approaching Lenten season, or such other time as may be deemed befitting, as a time for special self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some eight thousand dollars for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your Synod to take such action as will move the Church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for want of means.

Your servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., October 1, 1894.

V. The Report on Missions.

The Committee on Missions read its report on Monday, during the afternoon session. The report was considered item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully offer the following report;

The documents referred to us are:

1. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.

2. The report of the Board of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, together with the report of the Treasurer of the same.

3. Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

4. A statement by Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, relative to the needs of the English Mission at Chicago.

5. A Booklet entitled "Our Church-buildings Funds.

From the reports of the various Boards we learn that notwithstanding the financial depression of the country, the work of Missions, both Home and Foreign, was carried forward with zeal and energy. The results furthermore show that the blessing of God has rested upon the work, thus challenging our sincere confidence and continued support. Two important facts are clearly shown: First, that the field of opportunity is enlarging both at home and abroad, a reiterated cry for assistance is heard, and the plaintive plea is made again to the churches to furnish the means whereby greater and more glorious things can be done to the glory and honor of God and of his Christ. Second, the unpalatable fact that the apportionments made in good faith are not met by the Church, thus causing keen dissappointment and seriously affecting the work.

The General Board imperatively needs the sum of $40,000 to support the ninty-one missions under its care, and to enroll a few more of the many applications made, therefore, we,

1. Recommend that this Synod assume the sum of $17,000 for this work and apportion the same in the various Classes.

2. That this Synod in hearty appreciation of Church Extension apportion the sum of $5,000 for Church Building upon the various Classes, one-half to be paid into General Synod's Board and the one-half to the Treasurer of the Board of the Eastern and Potomac Synod; and approve the idea of Classical Church-building Funds of $500 each.

3. That the sum of $1,000 be apportioned upon the Classes for Hungarian Missions.

4. That $300 be apportioned upon the Classes for Harbor Missions.

5. That in view of the pressing needs of the Board of Foreign Missions, we recommend that $15,000 be apportioned upon the Classes

for this worthy cause; and furthermore that the attention of the Classes be called to the needs of the Board to provide suitable buildings for the use of the missionaries.

6. That in appreciation of the needs of the English Mission at Chicago, the Synod would say that at least $2,000 should be raised within our bounds for this object; and that Synod recommend the duly authorized agent, Mr. D. O. Lantz, to the pastors, consistories and congregations within our bounds.

7. Realizing the grave importance that the various sums now apportioned be actually paid into the Treasury of Missions, the Synod would challenge the Classes to take such action as to meet the positive demands and needs of the Church in this department of its work.

8. Synod recommends the book, "Our Church-building Funds," to the attention of the pastors for judicious circulation.

With thanks to the great Head of the Church for past blessings, we trust the work of Missions for future guidance and blessing, to Him who liveth and reigneth forever. T. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report of the Standing Committee on Missions was adopted, and the items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were referred to the Committee on Finance to have the same apportioned on the various Classes.

The Elder James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the General Synod, made a statement in regard to the depleted condition of the Treasury, whereupon Synod adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod has heard with regret the statement made by Elder James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, that the Treasury is depleted, and the consequent pressing need of our missionaries.

Resolved, That the pastors on the floor of Synod be earnestly requested, on their return to their respective fields of labor, to see to it that immediate steps be taken to furnish relief by an appeal to their people, or see to it that their apportionments be raised and paid over.

Resolved, That Synod hereby direct its Stated Clerk to issue an appeal to the Church at large through our Church papers in behalf of our needy missionaries.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Synod and the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod were received.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, and the item in the report of Trustees, declaring a vacancy in the Board, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees begs leave to offer the annual report.

1. The Treasurer of Synod submitted his report to the Board, Reading, October 15, 1894. It was referred to auditors, carefully examined, vouchers compared and found correct. He has in hand an unexpended balance for Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod, $1,131.74.

2. The Board consists of the following persons: Elder D. N. Schaffer, Reading, whose term expires Jaunary, 1, 1899; Rev. T. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, whose term expires January 1, 1898; Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, whose term expires January 1, 1897; Rev. W. J. Johnson, Lebanon, whose term expires January 1, 1896; and Rev. H. Mosser, whose term expires January 1, 1895.

3. In place of H. Mosser, we nominate, according to the provision of the charter, as suitable candidates, the following persons: Rev. S. R. Breidenbach, Reading, Pa., and Rev. O. H. Strunck, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *President of the Board.*

READING, Oct. 16, 1894.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Contingent Fund General Synod.

1893.		DR.		
Oct.	16.	To balance in Treasury		$45.71
"	16.	From Rev. M. H. Deifenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis	$60.00	
"	16.	" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis	105.00	
"	16.	" Jacob K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis .	57.64	
"	16.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Classis	90.00	
"	16.	" Isaac G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis .	140.00	
"	16.	" Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis . .	19.00	
"	16.	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susquehanna Classis	95.00	

Oct. 16.	From D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis	$140.00	
" 16.	" Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, T. Schuylkill Classis	200.00	$906.64
			$952.35

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Paid C. G. Gross, Tr. General Synod,		$952.35

Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.

DR.

Oct. 16.	To balance in Treasury, ...		$995.82
" 16.	From D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis	$50.00	
" 16.	" Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, T. Schuylkill Classis	70.00	
" 16.	" H. C. Hoover, Tr. Philadelphia Classis	40.00	
" 16.	" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susquehanna Classis	35.00	
" 16.	" Isaac G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis .	50.00	
" 16.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. "	60.00	
" 16.	" " J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis	40.00	
" 16.	" Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, T. Lehigh Classis	60.00	
" 16	" Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Classis	51.00	
" 16.	" Jacob K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis .	108.35	
" 16.	" Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming "	51.00	
" 16.	Amount in Treasury transferred from Bohemian Church Aid	10.13	
" 16.	Cash returned by Rev. D. B. Shuey, Pres. Wichita College Pledge paid by Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	10.00	$635.48
			$1631.30

CR.

Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	$150.00	
" Rev. W. J. Johnson, traveling expenses	1.66	
" for postage and stationery	1.50	
" Dr. S. G. Wagner, expense of committee, change of charter	12.88	
" Rev. Jno. M. Titzel, D. D., services and expenses incurred as Chairman of Centennial Committee . .	9.50	
" Rev. W. J. Johnson for use of church during the meeting of Synod, at Lebanon Pa.	20.00	
" same for bill paid for printing tickets	1.50	
" Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk, bill of expenses . . .	38.93	
Paid Rev. L. K. Evans, Chairman to defend Synod's action before General Synod	3.00	
" Reformed Church Publication House, printing Minutes of Synod	260.59	
Oct. 13. Balance in Treasury	1,131.74	$1,631.30

Seminary and Gerhart Funds.

DR.

From T. P. Frantz, Treasurer, 12 months' interest, Cook legacy	$60.00	
" Harrisburg City Bonds, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy	18.00	
" A. and L. Mountz, 12 months' interest on $4,500, Kiefer legacy	225.00	
" J. J. Bishop, 12 months' interest on 5,000, Kiefer legacy	250.00	$553.00

CR.

Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, 12 months' interest, Kiefer legacy	$475.00	
" Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, 12 months' interest, Cook legacy	60.00	
" Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Missions, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy	6.00	
" Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer Foreign Missions, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy	6.00	
" Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer Board of Education, 12 months' interest, Gerhart legacy	6.00	$553.00

Hungarian Missions.

DR.

From Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treasurer Lehigh Classis	$75.00	
" D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis	98.00	
" Geo. Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis	45.00	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	73.65	
" " T. O. Stem, Treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis	78.00	
" " W. A. Haas, Treasurer Wyoming Classis	69.00	
" Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon Classis	68.00	
" Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	105.25	
" " Jno. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schulylkill Classis	140.00	$751.90

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Missions	$711.65	
" by Rev. W. A. Haas to Treasurer Santee in 1892 and 1893	40.25	$751.90

Harbor Missions.

DR.

From Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	$11.05	
" Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon Classis	99.40	
" Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	85.00	
" " Jno. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	59.00	$254.45

CR.

Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Missions		$254.45

For Home Missions.

DR.

From Philadelphia Classis		$2,134.58	
" Tohickon Classis		1,021.62	
" Goshenhoppen Classis	$280.43	1,317.29	
" East Pennsylvania Classis		100.00	
" Lebanon Classis		1,215.54	
" Schuylkill Classis		2,232.08	
" Lancaster Classis		999.56	
" East Susquehanna Classis	$79.66	683.02	
" West Susquehanna Classis		751.62	
" Lehigh Classis		1,548.02	
" Wyoming Classis		787.96	$12,791.29

CR.

Sept. 24. Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Tr. Missions	$12,398.20	
Oct. 13. " " " " "	393.09	$12,791.29

Church-building.

DR.

From Lancaster Classis	$121.25	
" West Susquehanna Classis	158.44	
" East Susquehanna Classis	137.01	
" Schuylkill Classis	286.65	
" Lebanon Classis	173.30	
" East Pennsylvania Classis	104.37	
" Goshenhoppen Classis	224.00	
" Tohickon Classis	196.00	$1,401.02

CR.

Sept. 24. Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Tr. Missions	$1,372.07	
Oct. 15. " " " " "	28.95	$1,401.02

For Theological Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa.

DR.

From Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer Treas. Lehigh Classis		$139.70
" " J. E. Hiester, D. D., collected in Annville Charge		95.00
" Mr. E. B. Smith, Linglestown		50.00
" Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., for Joseph Ruhl	$250.00	
" " " " " " W. J. Hartzell	100.00	350.00
" " A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis		140.19
" " Rufus W. Miller, for Wm. Ewing and Wife	110.00	
" " " " " Jno. E. Horstick and Family	15.00	125.00
" " J. H. Pannebecker, Supt.		253.05
" " M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis		50.00

From Zion's Church, Hagerstown, Md.		$20.73
" Rev. Rufus W. Miller, for John Early Shoop's Church		5.00
" Dr. W. H. Hartzel, Allentown		50.00
" L. P. Hecker, Allentown		25.00
" Charles H. Ruhe "		300.00
" Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer Treas. for Lenhartsville Charge		36.00
" George Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis		56.00
" Emmanuel's Reformed Church, Hazleton		22.76
" John H. Parton, St. John's Congregation, Allentown		25.00
" St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, one year's interest on $250; balance of pledge unpaid . .		12.50
From H. S. Constable, Allentown		20.00
" Prof. J. C. Bowman, Chairman of Building Committee at various times		48,650.77
		$50,426.70

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Oct. 15. Paid John B. Roth, Treas., at various times . .		$50,426.70
Amount previously collected	$27,930.07	
" collected during the current year	50,426.70	
Total	$78,356.77	

The Following Classes are in Arrears in Amounts and for Purposes as follows:

CLASSES.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Church-building.	Overpaid for Home Missions.
East Pennsylvania . .	$85.00		$2,554.00	$100.00	$242.00	$58.63	
Lebanon	127.36		1,374.09	80.30	90 08		
Philadelphia	140.00			218.00	180 32	170.00	$834.58
Lancaster			506.52	26.20	104.45		
East Susquehanna . .	95.00	$17.95	449.48	44.79	102.66		
West Susquehanna .			148.38				
Goshenhoppen			182.71	90.00	110.00		
Tohickon			1,008.84	197.00	110.00		
Lehigh	140.00		1,257.37	104.00	160.00	104.62	
Schuylkill			167.92		116.00		
Wyoming	66 00	3.20	417.13	60.00	85.00	156.00	
	$653.36	$21.15	$8,066.44	$920.29	$1,300.51	$489.25	$834.58

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer Eastern Synod.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., October 13, 1894.

We, the Undersigned Auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipt in the hands of the Treasurer and find the same correct. We also find that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer for contingent expenses for Eastern Synod is $1,131.74.

D. N. SCHAEFFER,
WARREN J. JOHNSON,
Auditors.

READING, PA., October 15, 1894.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance read its report during Monday's session. It was considered item by item and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Fathers and Brethren of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following as its report:

The only document placed in our hands is the report of the Treasurer of Synod. Besides this the following items have been referred to your committee, viz.: Home Missions, $17,000; Foreign Missions, $15,000; Hungarian Missions, $1,000; Harbor Missions, $300; Teachers of Elocution, $100; Current expenses Theological Seminary at Lancaster, $600; Church-building Fund, $5,000; Calvin College, $300.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that there is a balance in his hands of the following funds: Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod, $1,131.74. Inasmuch as there is this large balance in the Treasury for Contingent Expenses of the Synod, your committee deemed it proper to apportion only Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for this purpose.

The Treasurer reports all Classes in arrears in amounts and for purposes as follows:

Arrearages.

Classes.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Church-building Fund.	Overpaid for Home Missions.
East Pennsylvania . .	$85.00		$2,554.00	$100.00	$242.00	$58.63	
Lebanon	127.36		1,374.09	80.30	90.08		
Philadelphia	140.00			218.00	180.32	170.00	$834.58
Lancaster			506.52	26.20	104.45		
East Susquehanna . .	95.00	$17.95	449 48	44.79	102.66		
West Susquehanna . .			148.38				
Goshenhoppen . . .			182.71	90.00	110.00		
Tohickon			1,008.84	197.00	110.00		
Lehigh	140.00		1,257.37	104.00	160.00	104.62	
Schuylkill			167.92		116.00		
Wyoming	66.00	3.20	417.13	60.00	85 00	156.00	
	$653 36	$21.15	$8,066.44	$920.29	$1,300.51	$489.25	$834.58

Your committee recommend the following apportionment upon the several Classes, viz.:

Classes.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Teacher of Elocution	Current Expenses Theol. Seminary.	Church-building Fund.	Calvin College.
East Pennsylvania .	$53	$1,655	$1,464	$102	$30	$10	$60	$488	$30
Lebanon	69	2,187	1,939	135	38	13	76	647	38
Philadelphia	38	1,154	1,017	71	20	7	40	336	20
Lancaster	37	1,119	986	69	19	6	38	329	19
East Susquehanna .	35	1,090	960	67	19	6	38	320	19
West Susquehanna .	35	1,012	890	62	18	6	36	297	18
Goshenhoppen . . .	40	1,484	1,312	83	26	9	52	438	26
Tohickon	40	1,510	1,336	93	26	9	52	446	26
Lehigh	70	2,350	2,085	145	42	14	84	695	42
Schuylkill	70	2,490	2,210	134	44	15	88	737	44
Wyoming	35	1,040	915	64	18	6	36	305	18
	$522	$17,091	$15,114	$1,045	$300	$101	$600	$5,038	$300

Philadelphia Classis overpaid it apportionment for Home Missions, $834.58.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. Kryder Evans, *Chairman.*

At an election held on the 4th day of the sessions, Rev. T. O. Stem, of Easton, Pa., was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod for a term of five years.

An order of $20 was granted in favor of Rev. J. Steward Hartman, pastor of Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., for the use of the church to hold the sessions of Synod and for sundry expenses.

An order of $1.50 was granted in favor of Dr. E. V. Gerhart for the printing of tickets for the election of members to the various Boards.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod does hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the traveling expenses of the members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary when attending to their official duties, and that a statement of expenses thus incurred accompany the annual report to Synod.

Elder Jno. J. Nissley was reëlected as Treasurer of Synod on the 6th day of its session.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the several items contained in the report under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

The appeal of consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, against the action of Goshenhoppen Classis, and also the complaint of its pastor, Rev. C. H. Herbst, against the action by the same Classis in the aforesaid case, were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, T. Derr and Elder J. B. Pearson, for an investigation of the papers in the case.

The committee presented the following report on Saturday afternoon, which was adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

Your committee to whom was referred the papers of the appeal of the consistory of the St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Pottstown, Pa., from the action of Goshenhoppen Classis for suspending them from office together with the complaint of Rev. C. H. Herbst, against the action of Goshenhoppen Classis because said Classis sought to prevent him as a former pastor from ministering to the St. Stephen's Reformed congregation at Pottstown, Pa., would report that we have examined the papers in both cases and find both the

appeal and the complaint to come regularly before Synod; therefore we recommend the following:

That the appeal be made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in the following order.

1. The papers in the case to be read.

2. That the appellant and respondent have each one hour and thirty minutes to present his side of the case.

3. That the appellant occupy one hour in opening the case.

4. That the respondent have his full time of one hour and thirty minutes to reply.

5. That the appellant have thirty minutes to close.

6. That immediately after the hearing of the appellant and respondent, the Synod should without debate proceed to vote by calling the roll.

That the complaint be heard immediately after the appeal case is disposed of, in the following order:

1. The papers in the case to be read.

2. That both the complainant and the respondent have each thirty minutes time to present his side of the case.

3. That the complainant have twenty minutes to open the case.

4. That the respondent have his full time, thirty minutes, to reply.

5. That the complainant have ten minutes to close.

6. That immediately after the complainant and respondent are heard the Synod shall without debate proceed to vote by calling the roll.

Your committee would futhermore report that both appellant and complainant have selected Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., Rev. D. E. Schoedler and Elder F. G. Hobson as counsel in presenting aforesaid appeal and complaint before Synod.

THOS. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

The hearing of the appeal was made the order of the day on Monday at 10 a. m., and the hearing of the complaint was to follow immediately after the appeal was disposed of.

Before the hour had arrived for the hearing of the appeal, the following resolution was offered and adopted by calling the yeas and nays.

WHEREAS, It is a matter of common notoriety that the St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Pottstown, Pa., has gone into dissolution, a fact which no one disputes; and,

WHEREAS, The appeal of the disintegrated consistory of the church aforesaid, now before Synod, is no longer a real case; and,

WHEREAS, Should the pending question be tried, whatever might be the issue, the decision would not be a judgment against or in favor of any member or church; therefore,

Resolved, That inasmuch as there is in reality no appellant in existence, it would be unwise and unparliamentary to try an abstract principle, and hence this case of appeal ought to be and hereby is dismissed.

Yeas: Revs. T. O. Stem, W. J. Kershner, Thos. C. Leinbach, J. H. Pannebecker, E. N. Kremer, D. W. Gerhard, E. V. Gerhart, J. H. Dubbs, M. H. Sangree, S. P. Brown, J. C. Leinbach, L. K. Steckel, M. O. Noll, T. Derr, G. B. Walbert, Chas. S. Wieand, L. K. Evans, N. Z. Snyder, A. P. Horn, A. B. Koplin, S. U. Mitman, C. E. Schaeffer, G. W. Richards, T. J. Hacker, G. B. Smith, Robt. O'Boyle, C. S. Gerhard, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. B. Kerschner, F. K. Levan, Elders Wm. Keller, Jno. G. Filbert, S. P. Heilman, Jno. J. Nissley, C. W. Myers, C. J. Lessig, D. K. Miller, W. J. Wagonseller, Jno. Neagley, L. Leinbach, Geo. F. Stong, Wm. H. Buck, C. E. Freed, J. B. Pearson, C. D. Lock, W. R. Lawfer. L. C. Berkemyer, A. S. Roudenbush, P. A. Roth. 48 votes.

Nays: Revs. H. H. W. Hibshman, L. M. Kerschner, H. M. Kieffer, J. O. Lindaman, Samuel A. Leinbach, Jno. H. Sechler, H. T. Spangler, J. B. Henry, Francis C. Yost, Jas. W. Meminger, Jas. I. Good, W. H. Herbert, D. E. Schoedler, D. W. Ebbert, Elders L. M. Cortright, Samuel Hood, S. M. Hemperly, F. G. Hobson, Jacob Y. Dietz, A. W. Bomberger, P. Y. Nyce, A. J. Baker, Jno. Horstick, Jno. B. Kieffer, Daniel Clinger, Jno. A. Caldwell. 26 votes.

The following notice was given of complaint against the action of this body to the General Synod.

Revs. John H. Sechler, D. E. Schoedler and Elder F. G. Hobson, individually, on their own behalf, and on behalf of E. K. Embody, W. B. Frick, J. H. Missinger, H. Rothenberger, W. F. S. Mack, Peter F. Auchey, William Rightenour and A. H. Hill, individuals, and through the same persons as the consistory of St. Stephen's Church, of Pottstown, Pa., defendants, do hereby appeal from and complain against the action of the Eastern Synod in dismissing the appeal of the consistory of St Stephen's Reformed Church, at Pottstown, Pa., from the action of Goshenhoppen Classis.

By the action of Synod a special committee was appointed, consist-

ing of Revs. E. V. Gerhart, C. S. Gerhard and E. N. Kremer, to defend the action of this body at the next General Synod.

The request of West Susquehanna Classis to receive credit for the amount paid Treasurer Charles Santee for Hungarian Missions was granted.

The following resolutions were adopted, having reference to several items in the Report of Minutes of Classes on subjects referred.

Resolved, That Synod expresses its regret that East Pennsylvania Classis refuses to pay its full apportionment for Home Missions and Church-building and reiterates its action of last year with reference to the apportionment upon the Classes and the sustentation of Stroudsburg Mission.

Resolved, That Synod has heard with regret that East Susquehanna Classis has refused to accept its full apportionment for Missions, and earnestly requests said Classis to reconsider its action and endeavor to raise the full amount apportioned by Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with regret of the refusal of Lancaster Classis to accept its full apportionment for Harbor Missions and Church-building purposes, and earnestly requests said Classis to reconsider its action and endeavor to raise the amount for all purposes apportioned by Synod.

The following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The circumstances under which this Synod allowed congregations to devote their ordinary benevolent contributions to purposes other than those under the care of the Boards of the Church no longer exist; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod directs its pastors and consistories to coöperate with the various Boards by accepting the apportionments made by the Classes on charges, and that these apportionments be regarded as morally binding upon the congregations, and that whenever the apportionments are not paid they be reported as arrearages.

Under item 2, under the head of Requests on the Report of the Minutes of Classes, Synod adopted the following:

WHEREAS, The statistical reports as published in the Minutes of the Synods show that a great many names are dropped from the records without accounting for them in a proper way; therefore,

Resolved, That Synod overture General Synod to adopt the following resolution, or take such action as the importance of the case may demand.

Resolved, That the deaths of confirmed and unconfirmed members of the Church be reported in separate columns in the statistical tables, and that all ministers be required by their respective Classes to account for every name taken from the roll of the confirmed membership by dismissal, erasure, excommunication or death.

The following overture was read and is hereby presented to General Synod for further action:

Resolved, That this Synod would respectfully overture the General Synod to give a deliverance on the following points:

1. Can a Classis try a consistory as such?
2. Can a Classis depose from office a consistory as such?
3. Can a Classis entertain and act on charges against a consistory or individual members of a consistory brought directly before the Classis without appeal or complaint from the lower judicatory?
4. If the deliverance of General Synod on points 1 and 2 should be in the affirmative; can a Classis try a consistory or individual members of a consistory on substantially the same charges on which they had been tried and acquitted before?

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The items which would properly appear under this head are fully reported in Article XVI., under head of Appeals and References.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In the 2d item of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the appointment of a committee on Sunday-schools is referred to, the report was presented by the committee, read by Elder F. G. Hobson, acted no item by item and finally adopted.

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday schools.

To Reverend Eastern Synod, Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod would respectfully offer the following report:

The first meeting of the committee was held in Philadelphia on Friday Morning, February 2, 1894; a permanent organization was

effected by the election of Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., as president and F. G. Hobson Esq., as Secretary. The general Secretary, Rev. R. W. Miller, who was inducted into office on the evening preceding, was present, and, after a full and free discussion of the opportunties and methods available for the effective prosecution of Sunday-school work during the present year, it was resolved to lay special stress at this time upon a larger enrollment of Sunday-school scholars, and the gathering of reliable statistics for future use. Sub-committees were appointed to assist in the organization of Classical Committees, and such arrangement was made to coöperate with the Secretary of the General Board, and to advance the interests of Sunday-school work, as were felt to be within the scope of your committee's authority. The committee also arranged for a Sunday-school meeting during the present session of Synod, as provided for in the resolutions by which your committee was called into existence.

It is gratifying to your committee that, although the appointment of a General Sunday-school Secretary and of Standing Committees on Sunday-schools by Synods and Classes marks a new departure in this department of church work, the response of the Church to the action of the Synod has been so hearty and so general, Children's Day has been observed as never before, nearly all the Classes have organized effective committees and Sunday-school associations, statistics have been more carefully collected, and the enrollment of scholars has been largely increased. It is believed that the interest already awakened augurs well for the future efficiency of our Sunday-school work, and that with intelligent, orderly, systematic and coördinated effort our Sunday-schools will become what they ought to be, the most protent factor in the up-building and extension of the Church by the proper training of the young and the dissemination of gospel truth among those of maturer years.

Your committee would respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That the Chairman of the Classical Committees be requested to furnish a duplicate of the statistical report which they will present to their respective Classes, to the Chairman or Secretary of your Synodical Committee.

2. That the Classes of this Synod be requested to urge upon all pastors, consistories and Sunday-school officers, the importance of making earnest effort to increase the enrollment and attendance of Sunday-school scholars in all the Schools under their jurisdiction.

3. That the Classes be requested to urge the general observance of Children's Day and to request that the offerings lifted on this day be devoted to the general Sunday-school cause.

4. Your committee, having decided at the outset that special efforts should be made in the way of increasing the attendance in all our Sunday-schools, felt the importance of getting accurate statistics on this subject, and it was resolved that a Roll of Honor should be prepared including the names of all Sunday-schools in which the enrollment is equal to or larger than the communicant membership of the churches to which they respectively belong. The preparation of this roll has been committed to Elder F. G. Hobson, the Secretary of the committee, who will, in due time, exhibet the same to the Synod.

The term of Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., as a member of the committee expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Chairman.*
F. G. HOBSON, *Secretary.*

The communication from Sunday-school Board of General Synod referred to in Item 8th, in Report on Overtures, was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Jas. R. Brown, Elders F. G. Hobson and Dr. S. P. Heilman, who submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee to which was referred the communication of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod respectfully report that we have examined the report submitted to us, and rejoice that the efforts of the Board have been crowned with such signal success.

The recommendations contained in the communication cover substantially the same grounds as those already acted upon by this body on the adoption of the report of the Sunday-school Board of this Synod.

As the whole ground was covered by the former action, it is our opinion that no further action is now needed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. BROWN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod does hereby establish a standing committee to be annually appointed by the President, to whom all documents referring to the Sunday-schools be referred.

The President appointed for the present session, Revs. D. W. Gerhard, Robert O'Boyle, J. B. Henry and Elders A. S. Raudenbush and S. P. Heilman.

This committee subsequently reported that no documents having been referred to them, they consequently have no action to propose. This report was adopted.

Dr. Jno. S. Stahr was reëlected a member of the Sunday-school Board for a term of 5 years.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1894.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Publication Board is pleased to report that the results for the past year have been gratifying, in view of the widespread depression that existed in all departments of trade, which bore with great severity upon publication interests throughout the whole country. Notwithstanding this fact, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals with few exceptions have increased or maintained their former circulation.

The books of the lessee, which were duly examined, showed receipts for the year from all sources of $35,176.39, which, being within the limit of $40,000, the basis of the guarantee, entitles the Board to receive $1,200 from the lessee. This sum was received by the Treasurer of the Board and is included in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the Board, September 5, 1894, the only meeting held during the year. The Treasurer, James T. Reber, then reported total funds in hand of $9,171.96, of which $971.96 was in cash and the remainder in investments yielding 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. interest.

At its late meeting the Board passed resolutions commending to the several Synods this particular interest, and bespeaking for it their active coöperation in the extension of its field and the increase of its patrons. The direct pecuniary benefit, even under conditions more or less adverse, and which in the opinion of your Board should

not have been countenanced, are so manifest in the handsome fund already to your credit that this consideration alone should serve to concentrate your individual and joint support upon this House to the exclusion of all others.

The attention of the Synod of the Potomac is called to the expiration, January 1, 1895, of the term of G. S. Griffith and that of the Eastern Synod to the expiration of the term of Edward J. Durban.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 26, 1894.

The standing committee to whom the Annual Report of Publication Board was referred submitted its report on the 4th day of the session, and it was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report. But one document was referred to the committee— the Report of the Board of Publication. From this we glean the following facts:

1. That our publication interests have flourished during the year, notwithstanding the wide-spread financial depression.

2. That the gross receipts for the year amounted to $35,176.39

3. That the Treasurer of the Board, on September 5, 1894, had in hand $9,171.96, of which sum $8,200 are invested, and $971.96 in cash.

4. That the term of office of Edward J. Durban, a representative of your body in the Board, expires January 1, 1895.

In view of these facts your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That Synod has learned with pleasure of the continued prosperity of our publication interests, and hereby reiterates its former action, urging upon the Church the need of hearty coöperation in the effort to increase the circulation of the periodicals published by the Board, and to enlarge the sales of the book department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

Mr. Edward J. Durban, of Philadelphia, was reëlected a member of the Board of Publication.

The Report on Printing Minutes of Synod for 1893.

The undersigned begs leave to report that 3,800 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Eastern Synod for the year 1893 were published and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed in accordance with the rules of Synod.

The Minutes were published at a cost of $260.59 or at a little less than 7 cents per copy, and the bill was referred to the Treasurer of Synod for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions of Synod duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute the same among those entitled to receive them.

Rev. Jno. H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., was reëlected Synodical Editor for a term of three years.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

The following report of the officers of Bethany Orphan's Home was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith hand you the Thirty-first Annual Report of Bethany Orphans' Home in printed pamphlet form. This is more full than any written report would be which we might present to your reverend body. The pastors of the Eastern Synod have all been furnished with copies of this pamphlet, and it is presumed that they have examined its contents. Permit us, however, herewith to add a few items.

First. As servants of the Church and stewards in the household of faith, we endeavor to administer the affairs of Bethany Orphans' Home in a practical and economical manner. Not everyone who knocks at the door for entrance is admitted. In every case we endeavor to ascertain very clearly whether the applicant is actually needy and worthy, and if found so, every applicant coming within well established rules is admitted.

Second. All the orphans in Bethany Home are dependent upon the Church for support. We have no boarders.

Third. Upon a careful calculation we feel it necessary to ask for the same amount of contributions at the coming Christmas season, as that which received last year, namely about $6,000. This amount is necessary to pay present indebtedness on current expenses and to take the family through the winter.

Again acknowledging our dependence upon God, thanking Him for His gracious care over us, and you for your sympathy, active interest and practical help in the past, and invoking God's blessing and your assistance in the future, we are,

Very Respectfully,

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
THOS. M. YUNDT,
Secretary and Superintendent.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, to whom the foregoing document was referred, read the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Orphans' Homes offer the following report:

The Thirty-first Annual Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home was referred to us, together with a written document containing additional items. From these papers we learn that the Home has been well supported during the year and is in a flourishing condition. The health of all the inmates has been good, and no deaths have occurred. The Board of Managers, the Ladies' Visiting and Advisory Committee, the Superintendent and his assistants all have been untiring in their efforts to carry forward the work and advance the interests of the Home, and have met with most encouraging success.

During the year 27 were admitted and 29 dismissed, leaving the present number 104, 43 of whom are girls and 61 boys. The highest number in the Home at one time during the year was 115, and the total number cared for 132. Of the 29 who left the Home during the year 22 were restored to their mothers, 6 given in charge of guardians or near relatives and 1 indentured.

In view of the prosperity enjoyed by the Home your committee recommend the following resolutions for consideration and adoption:

Resolved 1, That this Synod rejoices to hear of the prosperous condition of Bethany Orphans' Home, and expresses its devout gratitude to Almighty God for His continued favor and blessing.

Resolved 2, That the cause of the orphans be earnestly commended to the increased liberality and support of the Classes, pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools, with the hope that the contributions this year will equal or exceed those of last year.

Resolved 3, That we recommend that special offerings be made in all our churches and Sunday-schools during the coming Christmas festival for the support of this noble charity.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

On the 7th item in the Report on Overtures, having reference to a memorial from Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio, and a communication from Erie Classis, Central Synod, a special Committee was appointed consisting of Revs. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Jas. I. Good, D. D., D. W. Gerhard, and Elders Chas. Denues and S. M. Hemperly, to whom the aforesaid documents were referred.

The communications read as follows, to wit:

A Memorial.

Addressed to the Eastern, the Potomac, the Pittsburgh and the Ohio Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: You are probably aware of the fact that the Lord has favored our Church in the city of Cleveland to a remarkable degree. In the course of thirty-four years eleven congregations have been established here, and the three important agencies of a Publishing House, a College, and a Home for Deaconesses.

Of these three institutions, Calvin College is brought to your notice by an overture of Erie Classis, a certified copy of which is sent with this memorial. In explanation of this overture, the following statements are respectfully submitted.

Calvin College was chartered in 1883 on the German-English plan. The majority of the German ministers and congregations did not then, and do not now approve of the same, and it was found impossible to build up the school on the support derived from the minority favorable to its principles. So, about four years ago, efforts

were inaugurated to acquaint the English speaking Church with the aims and needs of the College, and to obtain additional funds.

This was not done on the ground that the transition of our German people into the English language should be favored or accelerated. It was taken for granted that such transition has been going on, and will continue to go on at all times, independent of any efforts put forth by any body of men. But the Church has suffered severe losses for want of a sufficiently large number of ministers able and willing to satisfy the needs of both the younger and the older members in the congregations during their periods of transition, and this is due to the fact, that neither the schools controlled by English Synods nor those controlled by German Synods can reasonably be expected to arrange their courses of study so as to equally favor both languages.

The experience of our Church in past years has been that German born students do not generally learn enough of English in a school under German control to enable and to encourage them to officiate in English; and students coming from English speaking parents do not, as a rule, learn enough German in a school arranged on the plan of American colleges to preach German sermons with ease and with good results. To train men in full command of both languages, a school is needed where some of the branches considered essential in American colleges are omitted, and such a school Calvin Gollege proposes to be.

No better locality for its purposes could probably be found than in the very heart and center of German church work. The locality seems providentially prepared for it.

Calvin College may also be said to have stood the test of years and of severe and protracted trials. It is true it has nct flourished, nor has it attained great power, but it has done some good, under most adverse circumstances. The College cannot, however, be expected to continue its work for an indefinite number of years, with the resources at present available. The salaries paid are too low, and the continuous extraordinaay efforts now necessary to collect money enough to meet current expenses are too exhaustive. Measures must be taken to place this school on a safe financial basis, before it may be too late. And even if the needed revenues could be, for any great length of time, secured under present conditions; as long as the College is owned exclusively by a German body fears must be entertained that it may be made too German, just as the oppo-

site danger threatens of its becoming too English for its peculiar mission if it were the exclusive property of an English body. It is for this two-fold object, then, of guarding against financial embarrassment, and of guarding against a possible alienation of funds from the German-English work, that the four English Synods are asked at this present time to make arrangements for a joint ownership of Calvin College with Erie Classis.

Some members of the English Synods may feel reluctant to take this step, on the ground that the displeasure of the three German Synods might possibly be incurred by it, the majority of whose members are known to be opposed to the work of Calvin College. But as long as the German Church refuses to enter into any of the proposals for the unification of Home Missionary Boards, and as long as there is no hope for having any one of the German Churches in our large cities making any arrangements for a peaceful transfer of their youth to English congregations, the Reformed Church as a whole will certainly expose herself to less loss by such displeasure than by losing her opportunity for the permanent establishment of a training school for German ministers in full sympathy with the English speaking Church.

Other objections may be based on the apparent smallness of Calvin College, precluding the possibility, or at least the probability, of her ever graduating a sufficiently large number of future ministers to produce any perceptible change in the attitude of the German Synods. But that number will grow with the growth of the College, and the College will grow as soon as a suitable constituency is secured. Moreover, the very existence of the College will serve to bring the Germans and the English nearer together by removing prejudicies and misunderstandings, through personal intercourse, and by demonstrating beyond all doubt and cavil the possibility of peaceful and brotherly coöperation.

The financial affairs of Calvin College have sometimes been represented as so hopelessly embarrassed that Synods, in assuming part responsibility for them, would expose themselves to larger expense than could be foreseen. To show the utter groundlessness of such fears, the following statement of expenditures and income for the last year, and of present resources and liabilities, is appended, the various items of which are easily verified from the printed official reports.

EXPENSES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR 1893–'94.

For Professors' Salaries	$1,654.00	
" Coal	173.00	
" Repairs and Hardware	432.00	
" Taxes (special) and Rent	139.00	
" Interest	277.00	
Miscellaneous	37.00	$2,712.00

RECEIPTS.

For Tuition and Contingents	$645.00	
From Funds in German Synods	1,824.00	
" Revenues of Endowment	158,00	$2,627.00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES IN 1894–'95.

For Professors' Salaries	$2,050.00	
" Coal	173.00	
" Repairs and improvements	243.00	
" Taxes (special) and Rent	139.00	
" Interest	277.00	
Miscellaneous	37.00	$2,919.00

No expense is set down for janitor work and attendants in the dormitory, this work being done by two families occupying a house on the campus and lodgings in the dormitory.

The account for beneficiary education is not included. Receipts and expenditures for this object amounted to $1,167.00.

Assets and Liabilities.

The College campus has a frontage of 180 feet on Pearl street, 200 feet on Trowbridge avenue, and 140 feet on Scranton avenue. A building lot was cut off in 1872 for the Publishing House, otherwise the College ground would form a rectangle. Since the Publishing House vacated their building to move to larger quarters, the lot, with a three-story brick building, was bought by H. J. Ruetenik for $5,000, to be used for the College.

Property on Pearl street in this part of the city now sells at $60 to $70 a foot; on Scranton avenue, at $40 to $50. The ground accordingly represents a market value of $15,000 to $20,000. A brick building, partly three stories high, eighty feet long, forty feet deep, with an extension of sixty feet in the rear, fronts on Pearl street. A frame building on the ground fronts Scranton avenue. The brick building was erected at a cost of $9,500.

The College endowment consists of a house on Peach street, now renting for $96 a year, owing to the depresssd times; the Zimmerman fund is $250; the Haberstick fund $350; the Caroline Adams fund $1,000.

The College owes a funded debt of $5,125. The floating debts at this writing are $650.

The liabilities of the College are neither more nor less than they were in 1885, when the present administration was inaugurated. The assets are larger by about *three thousand dollars* in endowment, and by the increase in market value of the grounds.

Plans for the Future.

If the four Synods act favorably on the overture of Classis, it is proposed to pay off the funded debt, and to buy the former property of the Publishing House; also to build a row of nine stores, one story high, in front of the present main building, and into it. It is expected that the nine stores will bring a rent of $180 a month or $2,160 a year, without seriously detracting from the value of the main building as a dormitory for students. Several dwelling houses for professors may be built on Scranton and Trowbridge avenues. The building formerly owned by the Publishing House contains six high-ceiled rooms 20x30 feet large, well adapted for class-rooms, and one large room 36x50 feet large, now furnished and used as a gymnasium.

In this way the College will derive a sufficient revenue from its grounds and buildings to allow of largely increasing its faculty and of extending its work, and yet being able, with the help of other income, as now received from various sources, to cover all expenses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CLEVELAND, O., September, 1894. H. J. RUETENIK.

A Resolution Passed by Erie Classis.

Resolved, That Classis offer to the *Eastern*, *Potomac*, *Pittsburgh* and *Ohio Synods* equal rights as property holders, and equal representation in the control of *Calvin College* in such manner that they together shall have the same number of trustees as the Classis of Erie, provided that said Synods are willing to contribute, or to pledge themselves to contribute at some future time, the sum of *twenty thousand dollars*.

So done at the annual meeting of said Classis, May, 1894.

Attest. WM. FRIEBALIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The special committee appointed to consider the proposal of Calvin College presented the following report, which was considered item by item and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Five Classis to enter into joint ownership of Calvin College on certain specified conditions begs leave to suggest the following action:

Resolved 1, That this Synod is in hearty sympathy with the work of Calvin College.

Resolved 2, That we feel disposed to enter into the arrangement proposed by Five Classis, but that, owing to the lack of more definite and particular information than that contained in the overture, we do not see our way clear to do so at present.

Resolved 3, That in order to secure such needed information a committee be appointed for this purpose, to report at the next annual meeting.

Resolved 4, That meanwhile, in order that Calvin College may be assisted in its work, the sum of $300 be apportioned, and that this amount be regarded as in addition to any apportionments made by the Classes for the beneficiary education in Calvin College.

H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. Drs. F. K. Levan, Jno. H. Scheffer and Elder John B. Kieffer, Ph. D.

The following action was adopted pertaining to an overture from members of East Pennsylvania Classis:

In the matter of the overture from East Pennsylvania Classis concerning the rights of a Reformed church, your committee proposes that Synod make a deliverance as follows, to wit:

1. All congregations of the Reformed Church are subject to and are required to be governed by the organic law of the Church, entitled the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

2. Any congregation may adopt a constitution of its own for the regulation of its spiritual and temporal affairs, provided that no part of such constitution is in conflict with the organic law.

3. If a congregation of the Reformed Church discovers that it is under a congregational constitution which in some of its articles conflicts with the organic law, such congregation has the undoubted

right and is morally bound to rescind such articles or so to modify them that they will be in accord with the provisions of the organic law.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,
JNO. H. SECHLER,
F. G. HOBSON.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations reported in part on Friday, and the election for Trustee of Synod was made the order of the day on Saturday, at 10 A. M For the results of the election see Article XV., on Finance. The final report on nominations was made on Monday, and the election made the order of the day on Tuesday, at 10 A. M. At the hour of election Revs. John F. DeLong and Thomas C. Leinbach were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets, collected the ballots, counted the votes and reported the results to the President.

There being but single nominations for Sunday-school Board, for the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the Stated Clerk, by instruction of the Synod, cast the ballot for their election. The results of these elections are reported in Article XIII., on Theological Seminary, Article XVIII., on Sunday-schools, and Article XIX., on Publications.

Report on Leave of Absence.

On the 4th day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. M. H. Sangree, A. P. Horn and Elder Q. F. Messinger a Committee on Leave of Absence. The day on which the members of Synod were excused from further attendance is noted by the letter appended to their names in the Synodical roll.

The Y. P. S. Christian Endeavor.

The fraternal greetings of the Y. P. S. C. E., assembled in convention at the present time, in the city of York, Pa., were conveyed by Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., on the 3d day of the Synod's sesaions to this body, whereupon the following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to return the thanks of the Synod to the state convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. for their kindly greetings, and to bid them God's speed in their efforts for Christ and the Church.

The courtesy of Synod was extended to the following persons, who delivered brief addresses during its sessions: Rev Joseph H. Apple, of Frederick, Md., and Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, of Allentown, on the subject of the Higher Education of Women; Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, of Greensburg, Pa., and Mrs. W. E. Hoy, of Japan, on the Work of Foreign Missions; Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, on the Need of the Orphans' Home; Rev. S. S. Miller, Petersburg, Pa., commending the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc.; Rev. Geo. W. Snyder, Boonesboro', Md., who was delegated to convey the fraternal greetings of the Potomac Synod, in session in the city of York, Pa., to this body; Rev. Geo. W. MacLaughlin, D. D.. Philadelphia, who spoke on behalf of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, and Elder James T. Reber, Reading, Pa., Treasurer of the General Board of Home Missions, pleading for the speedy reimbursement of a depleted Treasury.

Report of Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc.

On the third day the claims of this society were presented to Synod by its Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller, and the report of its annual proceedings was ordered to be incorporated with its published minutes. The report reads as follows, to wit:

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers presents for the information of the Church, and for record in the Minutes of Synod the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report	$2,396.00
" from collections in the churches	2,256.00
" " interest on investment	1,213.00
" " miscellaneous sources	500.55
" " matured loan	500.00
Total	$6,866.44

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty annuitants	$2,410.00
" for investment	1,500 00
" " expenses	160.10
Cash in treasury	2,796.34
Total	$6,866.44

As will be seen from the above statement the number of annuitants who have been helped is the same as last year, viz., twenty-nine widows and eleven disabled ministers. For the coming year applications have been made for help by four others; two ministers and two widows. The cash in the Treasurer's hands will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the society at the annual meeting of October 16, 1894.

The membership of the society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the following from the collections and contributions, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. A. J. Bachman, W. R. H. Deatrich, J. H. Schlappich, A. M. Keifer, W. M. Landis, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., C. Becker, W. Donat, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., J. W. Miller, J. W. Rauch, D. W. Kerr, T. A. Huber, J. E. Smith, A. C. Snyder, L. Rike, S. C. Goss, D. D., G. W. Snyder, J. R. Lewis, O. F. Schaeffer, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Whitmer, D. W. Gerhard, F. Pilgram, J. J. Wagoner, A. A. Black, W. R. Hofford, D. D., U. O. H. Kershner and H. J. Welker.

Annual Members: Revs. A. Gundlach and Louis Brugger.

Rev W. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

Report on the Education of Women.

This subject was brought to the attention of Synod by the addresses of Rev. J. H. Apple, Principal of Women's College, of Frederick, Md., and Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, President of Allentown College for Women. It was referred to a special committee, who handed in the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed to report on the Education of Women in the Reformed Church submit the following suggestions for your consideration:

Among the many blessings Christianity has brought to the world it has given to woman her true position in society. We have learned with pleasure that Allentown College for Women, and the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., are doing an excellent work. Heidelberg University and Ursinus College have also thrown wide their doors to admit the daughters of our Church.

That these institutions may be the more effectively assisted in this noble work, and that at the same time the attention of parents may be brought to the importance of the higher education of their daughters, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod request the Classes to bring the subject of the higher education of the young women of the Church to the attention of the congregations, through the pastors, by a presentation of the subject from the pulpit.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. B. MAY,
GEO. B. WALBERT,
J. B. HENRY.

The items 4, 5 and 12 in the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. T. Derr and Jno. H. Sechler and Elder D. Clinger, who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your committee to whom were referred the Catalogues of Ursinus College, the Woman's College at Frederick City, Md., and the Allentown College for Women, respectfully report as follows:

Your committee learns from these Catalogues that all these institutions are in a prosperous condition and are doing a good work in the cause of higher education.

Inasmuch as Allentown College for Women, is the only institution within the bounds of this Synod that is exclusively devoted to higher education of women; and whereas, we are pleased to learn of its increasing prosperity; therefore, your committee recommend that Synod reiterate its action of one year ago, viz.:

Resolved, That we hereby request our people to give it their encouragement, sympathy and support.

Resolved, That the pastors be kindly requested to call the attention of their people to this institution, and they also be requested to send the names and addresses of persons who have daughters to be

educated to the President, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, so that it may become more widely known and its sphere of usefulness enlarged.

Respectfully submitted,

T. DERR, *Chairman.*

Entertainment of Synod.

The 4th item in the Report on Minutes of Synod, having reference to a resolution, laid on the table a year ago, in regard to Synod entertaining itself hereafter at its annual meetings, was taken up for further action. In considering this question the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod provide for its own entertainments.

Resolved, That each Classis provide for the payment of expenses of its own delegates incurred by their entertainment.

Resolved, That the pastor or pastors of the place where Synod meets be constituted a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of the members of Synod at as reasonable rates as possible, and at least four weeks before the time of the annual meeting of Synod furnish the Stated Clerks of the Classes with full information as to place and rates of entertainment.

Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.

The presence of Rev. Geo. W. MacLaughlin, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society was announced. He briefly presented the need of the American seamen, and portrayed to Synod in well chosen words the blessing which the seamen can be to the nation that gives them the proper spiritual care.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Synod be extended to the good people of Harrisburg for the hospitable entertainment extended to Synod, and that the pastors of the Reformed congregations announce this to their people.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be and are hereby tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad, to the Lehigh Valley, Central New

Jersey and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies for issuing card orders for tickets at excursion rates to delegates and others attending the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks be and are hereby tendered to the reporters, Revs. D. W. Gerhard, D. W. Ebbert, J. H. Pannebecker and C. E. Schaeffer, in furnishing to the "Star Independent," "The Daily Telegraph," "The Morning Call" and "The Patriot" abstracts of the daily proceedings of Synod.

Pending the motion to adjourn the Synodical roll was called. Those who failed to respond to their names were noted as having been excused. The Minutes were then read finally and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Invitations were received by Synod from the congregations at Stroudsburg, Bethlehem, Milton, Shamokin and Bellefonte to hold its next annual sessions. The choice of Synod was Shamokin, Pa.

It was therefore resolved that Synod hold its next annual sessions on the 3d Wednesday in October, 1895, at 7:30 P. M., in St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa.

Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday, October 23d, at 12 o'clock at noon.

At the close of the session the members of Synod gathered at the chancel, united in the Confession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer. The hymn "Blest be the tie that Binds" was sung, and Synod was dismissed with the benediction by the President.

F. K. LEVAN, *President.*

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from original Minutes.

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms Infants.	Baptisms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	595	470	41	2	24	12	510	11		4	20	4	25	391		$332	$1478	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville	3	590	270	39	1	23	4	410	10		5	22	3		270		133	1971	9	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	108	32	10		13		80	4			5	2		150		46	800	4	Bath, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. Lafayette Col.																				Easton, Pa.
*Charles Becker	Superannuated																				Philadelphia, Pa.
Horace Daniel	Superannuated																				Washington, N. J.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Eng'd in Bible work																				Paterson, N. J.
T. O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	350	140	49	1	17	12	290	6			2	1	34	367		265	2150	7	Easton, Pa.
Thos. A. Huber																					Hazleton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	860	650	40	3	28	7	540	2			16	5	56	450		248	1600	12	Bath, Pa.
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	740	475	40			2	490	4			21	6	40	400	1	301	1250	14	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff	Without charge																				Hamburg, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	600	310	45		16		375	5		3	13	5	48	375		148	1045	12	Effort, Monroe Co., Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	Third St., Easton	1	541	180	15	2	14	23	415	6			6	3	42	326		2259	4383	14	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Catasauqua	1	283	171	29		9	16	240	2		15	5	1	30	175		403	1200	14	Catasauqua, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Bath	1	282	109	17		8	3	180	3			7	1	25	140		135	1230	7	Bath, Pa.
John Wolbach	Without charge																				Nazareth, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	436	145	16		23	4	400	9		4	8	3	30	345		250	1175	16	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A. Schwedes	Christ Ch., Bethlehem	1	488	190	15	1	17	48	390	8		12	8	1	50	340	1	1086	3152	16	Bethlehem, Pa
Silas F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	566	524	26		10	1	485	3			17	3	35	325	2	151	950	6	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	475	450	28	1	11	19	350	4		6	18	1	32	350	1	85	2000	12	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	375	229	22		34	11	310	2			12	1	18	155	1	81	650	10	Bethlehem, Pa.
W. H. Wotring	Dryland	2	620	375	39	3	46	23	520	1		5	19	4	35	400	1	272	1400	13	Nazareth, Pa.
George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	2	473	200	25			8	340				15	4	80	400		113	900	12	Bath, Pa.
Charles E. Creitz	Weissport	2	255	150	35	1	14	13	135	15		26	11	2	30	240		77	3162	6	Weissport, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	2	267	160	21	1	15	23	204	11			9	2	47	330		825	1908	20	Bethlehem, Pa.
James B. May	Bangor	2	285	175	21		13	31	263	1		20	6	2	25	223	1	170	2550	14	Bangor, Pa.
L. M. Kerschner	Towamensing	3	450	220	32		34	16	370	6			13	3	26	270	2	110	1000	20	Parryville, Pa.
O. P. Steckel	Grace, Easton	1	175	124	14		11	1	130	2			5	1	22	135		40	891	7	200 Porter St., Easton.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Stroudsburg	1	77	20	5	1	8	19	59			2	2	1	17	98		61	500	8	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	Tannersville	4	300	100	13				153	2			3	4	88	215					Tannersville, Pa.
Irwin Martin Bachman, licent'te.	East Mauch Chunk	1	177	81	23	2	4	12	123	2		18	5	1	20	170			665	13	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Supply, Revs. Hibshman & Laury	Hamilton	2	177	95										4	42	300		27	290	10	
Supply, Rev. John F. DeLong	Ritterseville	1	145	90	5			4	101	2			5	1	10	75		44	300	7	
Thos. A. Fenstermaker, licentiate																					Philadelphia, Pa.
Ministers, 31. Licentiates, 1.		51	10690	6135	665	19	387	312	7863	121		120	273	69	907	7615	10	$7662	$38600	289	

* Deceased. Received Rev. E. L. Kemp from Lebanon Classis, September 10, 1894. Dismissed Licentiate C. M. Smith to East Susquehanna Classis, September 10, 1894.

LEBANON CLASSIS. April 30, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.	Annville	4	560	350	14	1	18	5	495	13			9	4	55	325	2	$1886 00	$2231	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1435	850	84	1	30	15	1300	25		30	37	14	75	500	1	300 00	2500	20	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge																			1	Straustown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	" "				4															1	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	" "																			1	Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.
Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	290	100	38		16		270	5			17	3	20	150		52 48	625	10	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	810	800	113	16	72	15	625	12		5	33	7	50	600		275 00	1500	25	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	696	299	26	1	26	9	605	8			13	4	37	350		217 00	1100	20	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1190	600	71	3	71	3	1090	29			43	5	60	600	1	248 00	2300	17	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	523	400	22			9	491	11		58	16	4	57	365	2	139 00	2770	21	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1018	550	37	1	86		970	20		10	31	5	60	400	2	325 00	1800	14	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	60	88	4	1	4	2	55	5			1	1	8	105	1	59 72	59	9	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert	Swatara	4	460	260	14		6	12	376	6			16	4	31	320		180 93	880	15	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D. D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	900	500	35	2	28	4	525	10			32	1	66	750		700 00	2995	15	1024 Chestnut St., Leb., Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	647	210	27	1	12		601	7			19	5	61	300		46 11	1799	24	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St John's, Lebanon	1	343	178	9	1	7	11	275	4			2	1	46	250	1	871 00	3629	15	931 Willow St., Leb., Pa.
Albert Gonser,	Myerstown	1	596	131	12	2	38	28	425	4		21	8	1	44	312	1	254 11	1030	15	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Fisher,	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	396	200	19	1	16	37	291	3		2	9	1	38	450	1	200 00	1910	9	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish,	Bethel	4	635	322	15	2	17	4	563	5			9	4	49	480	1	124 00	850	25	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																				Lancaster, Pa.
. . . . .	Belleman congregation*	1			13		34		347				7						400		
Ministers, 19; Licentiate, 1.	Charges 18.	51	10559	5838	556	33	481	154	9304	167		126	305	64	757	6257	13	$5878 35	$28378	280	

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PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS. May 15, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms' Additions. Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod	Post Office Address.
H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D.	Without charge																				Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Elias D. Shoemaker	" "																				1850 Van Pelt St., Philadelphia.
Joseph H. Hendricks	Collegeville	2	319		2	8	1	13	290	8			8	2	83	330	2	$1043	$1115	22	Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Cyrus Cort, D. D.	St. John's, Delaware	1	71		6		6	12	50				3	1	15	96		6	513	5	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
" " " supply	Eastern Shore of Maryl'd	1	94		7		2	13	75	2		4	3	1	16	101		54	300	6	" " "
Charles G. Fisher, D. D.	Publisher Ch. Periodicals																				907 Arch St., Philadelphia.
James Crawford, D. D.	Christ Church	1	203	60		2	5	4	170	2			1	1	20	145		11324	4737	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Philada.
Josiah Detrich	St. Luke's, North Wales	1	205	36	9	3	5		170				3	1		225			800	10	Flourtown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John H. Sechler, D. D.	First Church, Phila.	1	218	23	7	7	13	8	216	6		49	6	1	29	203	2	595	2012	16	714 N. Fifteenth St., Philadelphia.
Henry T. Spangler, D. D.	Pres't Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without charge																				Montgomery Sq., " " "
Charles H. Coon	Trinity, Philadelphia	1	516		25	15	33	28	400	7		15	6	1		501		600	5100	18	1541 N. Seventh St., Philadelphia.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	205	63	5		5	5	159	5			4	1	29	241		354	2580	10	Norristown, Pa.
Francis C. Yost	St. John's, Phœnixville	1	153	30	3	6	9	10	125	2			1	1	17	200		89	1096	10	Phœnixville, Chester Co., Pa.
David U. Wolff	Boehm's	1	284	77	5	9	3	6	261	5		1	8	1	23	148	1	304	1759	15	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Ascension	1	407	165	10	2	5	7	396				6	2		379		3207	2183		Norristown, Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman	Heidelberg	1	738	200	35	7	47	55	638	25		53	17	1	60	840	3	2402	5738	20	1635 N. Nineteenth St., Philada.
George Stibitz, Ph. D.	Prof. in Ursinus College.																				Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Henry A. Bomberger	Dauphin St. Mission																				2345 N. Twenty-first St., Philada.
Silas L. Messinger	Pleasantville	1	261	113	6	3	7	5	208	16		11	6	1	22	170	2	398	1611	7	Eureka, Montgomery Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz	St. Vincent and Linfield.	2	225	70	8	12	22	7	195	2			6	2	44	261	1	118	1600	18	Linfield, " " "
E. Clark Hibshman	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	284	20	6	14	17	1	202	3			5	1		195	1	687	1775	10	Trappe, " " "
Wilson Delaney	Bethel	1	190	75	20	4	14	16	100	10		1	1	1	15	350	2	77	1092		2110 Tasker St., Philadelphia.
George H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	130	71	2	5	12	4	126					1	12	123		43	790	9	Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Joseph Duckworth	Without charge																				18th and McKean Sts., Philada.
Albert H. Hibshman	" "																				Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck	St. Matthew's	2	227	26	6	5	11	3	205	3		5	7	2	21	242		325	1177	18	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Calvin U. O. Derr	First Ch., Spring City	1	250	25	1	15	20	5	180	4		6	5	1	31	295		9000	4833	12	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
Henry Tesnow	Messiah	1	142	34	18	7	33	26	132	4		3	3	1	28	314		41	1132	10	1610 S. Thirteenth St., Philada.
Albert S. Bromer	Grace	1	254	91	21	5	14	28	208	7		3	1	1	31	416		365	2885	15	614 Diamond St., Philadelphia.
Henry H. Apple	St. John's, West Phila.	1	170	44	7	2	4	19	118	3		1	1	1	15	125		312	1451	12	4123 Powelton Av., Philadelphia.
Edward F. Wiest	East Vincent & Pikeland	2	138	55	11	7	8	10	126	3		9	3	2	24	165		160	3189	20	Phœnixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Jesse H. String	Calvary	1	88	17	17	2	22	53	78					1	19	210			1150	8	
F. Edge Kavanagh	Instructor in Ursinus Col																				Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Frank N. Bleiler	Brownback's	2	225	50	2	1	1		142	1		30	6	2		261		117	1897	18	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
Elwood W. Middleton	Tioga Mission	1																			1539 Cambridge St., Philadelphia.
Vacant	Union Ch., Whitemarsh.	1	200	50	7	3	5		168	3			2	1		115		325	900	10	
Vacant	St. Mark's	1	59	12	7	14	3		88	1			1	3	45	300		103	1094	12	
Ministers, 35		33	6256	1410	256	158	327	338	5166	122		191	113	35	555	6087	14	$31900	$55412	323	

LEBANON CLASSIS. April 30, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod	Post Office Address.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.	Annville	4	560	350	14	1	18	5	495	13			9	4	55	325	2	$1886 00	$2231	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1435	850	84	1	30	15	1300	25		30	37	14	75	500	1	300 00	2500	20	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge																			1	Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	" "				4															1	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	" "																			1	Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.
Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	290	100	38		16		270	5			17	3	20	150		52 48	625	10	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	810	800	113	16	72	15	625	12		5	33	7	50	600		275 00	1500	25	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	696	299	26	1	26	9	605	8			13	4	37	350		217 00	1100	20	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1190	600	71	3	71	3	1090	29			43	5	60	600	1	248 00	2300	17	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	523	400	22			9	491	11		58	16	4	57	365	2	139 00	2770	21	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1018	550	37	1	86		970	20		10	34	5	60	400	2	325 00	1800	14	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	60	88	4	1	4	2	55	5			1	1	8	105	1	59 72	59	9	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert	Swatara	4	460	260	14		6	12	376	6			16	4	31	320		180 93	880	15	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D. D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	900	500	35	2	28	4	525	10			32	1	66	750		700 00	2995	15	1024 Chestnut St., Leb., Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	647	210	27	1	12		601	7			19	5	61	300		46 11	1799	24	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St John's, Lebanon	1	343	178	9	1	7	11	275	4			2	1	46	250	1	871 00	3629	15	931 Willow St., Leb., Pa.
Albert Gonser,	Myerstown	1	596	131	12	2	38	28	425	4		21	8	1	44	312	1	254 11	1030	15	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher,	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	396	200	19	1	16	37	291	3		2	9	1	38	450	1	200 00	1910	9	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish,	Bethel	4	635	322	15	2	17	4	563	5			9	4	49	480	1	124 00	850	25	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																				Lancaster, Pa.
. . . . .	Belleman congregation*	1			13		34		347				7						400		
Ministers, 19; Licentiate, 1.	Charges 18.	51	10559	5838	556	33	481	154	9304	167		126	305	64	757	6257	13	$5878 35	$28378	280	

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EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. May 17, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.											Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Rudolph Duenger, D. D.	Retired																				Ashland, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	413	228	45		12	3	366	7			21	6	41	207		$212	$826	25	Mahanoy, Pa.
George B. Dechant	Numidia	3	345	275	25		27		395	10			11	5	39	440		160	3600	18	Catawissa, Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	345	153	9	1	22	13	319	13		5	10	1	35	320		340	1300	15	Sunbury, Pa.
Vacant	Millersburg	3	410	220	10			3	300	3			8	3	35	350	5	152	461	18	Millersburg, Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	260	167	25	2	11	1	235				8	4		93		103	600	8	Sunbury, Pa.
Simon P Brown	Uniontown	4	450	200	33		23		385	3			11	4	30	275		258	800	16	Pillow, Pa.
Vacant	Deep Creek	4	202	68										4	22	210		24	675	16	Hegins, Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	420	222	61	2	27		297				24	4	42	210		114	800	14	Ringtown, Pa.
John A. Danner	Mt. Carmel	4	270	260	41		2	18	230	10			5	4	34	280		40	1565	20	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich	Line Mountain	5	317	272	33		16	1	251	4		1	8	8	40	135	1	68	2274	5	Line Mountain, Pa.
Raymond E. Butz	Catawissa	1	150	90	19	1	3	8	75	5		4	2	1	15	147	1	151	964	12	Catawissa, Pa.
Charles B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	650	600	118		31	16	560	5		2	31	1	52	800	1	812	5911	20	Shamokin, Pa.
John J. Stauffer‖	Lykens Valley	4	545	442	39				450				13	4	40	340	2	352	1450	17	Elizabethville, Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel	Tower City	3	124	75	11		6		75				9	3	30	182	1	46	1370	18	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	374	351	35	1	22	7	349	3		5	15	1	27	275		343	1472	12	Ashland, Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Armstrong Valley	5	197	140	27	2	28	11	171				6	5	63	329		105	533	27	Fisherville, Pa.
Licentiate Harry N. Bassler																					Lancaster, Pa.
Supply.																					
Christian H. Mutschler	St. Matthew's	1	30																125		
John J. Stauffer	Klinger's	1	70		3				58			10	9	1	5	40			50	4	
Wm. G. Engle	Coleman's	1	40		5							3		1	3	25				3	
Isaac M. Schaeffer	St. John's	1	24						12				2								
Ministers, 15. Licentiates, 1.	Charges, 16.	56	5636	3868	539	9	230	81	4438	63		30	193	60	553	4656	8	$3315	$24476	268	

Harry N. Bassler was licensed May 19, 1894. Rev. W. G. Engle was dismissed to Goshenhoppen Classis, May 19, 1894.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. October 17, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms Additions. Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Benevolent Purposes.	Minutes of Synod. English.	German.	Post Office Address.
Daniel M Wolf . . .	Prin. Penn Hall Acad.																					Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William M. Clouser .	Without charge . . .																					White Deer Mills, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas . .	Selinsgrove	6	443	380	26	1	22		418	10			12	6	37	400		$335	$1400	10		Selinsgrove, Snyder Co , Pa.
William M. Landis .	Beaver Springs .	5	571	215	21	1	11	5	471	4	11		7	5	45	395		380	910	41		Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
John Dotterer	Temporarily disabled .																					Lamar, Clinton Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black . . .	Boalsburg	4	415	253	30	6	21	25	398	15	16		7	4	56	215	1	2569	1331	24		Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel H Eisenberg .	Centre Hall	4	350	161	14		23	21	312	6			11	4	58	310	1	708	1178	20		Centre Hall, " "
Miles O. Noll	Bellefonte	2	294	100	23	3	17	21	269	9	17		4	2	28	255		1719	2500	18		Bellefonte, " "
James R. Brown . . .	Rebersburg	5	350	160	16	2	2		304	12	3		9	5	47	323	2	349	740	26		Rebersburg, " "
S. Sidney Kohler . .	New Berlin	5	390	180	26	1	20	7	370	6			6	5	36	350		143	1800	16		New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	Without charge . . .																					Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Irvin W. Hendricks .	Lewisburg	1	280	70	4		1	4	250	3			3	1	21	225		430	1350	15		Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown . . .	Aaronsburg	5	288	211	11		6	2	244	8			5	5	63	311	1	469	1089	26		Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore .	Mifflinburg	3	471	255	13	6	25	17	444	5	7		15	3	46	348		604	2091	24		Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	235	125	7	5	26	25	212	2	10		6	1	22	225		103	1100	10	5	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
*Marion L. Firor . .	St. John's, Wm'sport .	1	197	105	9				121		45		2	1	6	160		118	836	25		Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.
†James R. Bergey . .	White Deer	3	280	195	25	1	1		265				11	3	28	155		51	561	25		West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
‡Charles M. Smith . .	Nittany Valley	5	271	188	10			5	236	8			5	4	50	248		332	910	25		Howard Centre, Centre Co., Pa.
Vacant	Liverpool	7	285	180	12	4	24	2	218				4	6	34	176		42	310	14		Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
§Tilghman J. Seiple .	. . . . .																					
Ministers, 19.	Charges, 15.	58	5121	2778	250	30	202	131	4172	88	109		107	55	577	4120	5	$8391	$18496	319	5	

* Received July 12th from Maryland Classis.
† Received August 16th from Philadelphia Classis.
‡ Received September 12th from East Pennsylvania Classis.
§ Dismissed to, but not yet received by East Pennsylvania Classis.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS. May 22, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Without charge				12																East Greenville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	780	650	74	4	44	23	680	7			46	2	75	750	1	$779	$3030	20	Pottstown, " "
Augustus L. Dechant	Old Goshenhoppen	4	834	430	42	1	3		689	12			22	5	90	549	6	756	1651	19	Pennsburg, " "
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	510	200	22	33	40	3	460	8			30	2		312		266	1500	14	Skippackville, " "
Eli Keller, D. D.	Zionsville	4	930	510	45		15	4	822	11			29	4	50	395		425	1415	18	Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	785	420	58	5	35	3	617	7			21	5	30	230	1	388	1200	16	Oley, Berks Co., Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	360	250	28		9	42	300			13	10	1	35	260		142	1160	10	Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	3	729	464	30	1	32	11	516	12			14	6	38	441		236	1660	14	Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa.
Lawrence D. Leberman	Without charge																				Girard Ave. and Seventh St., Philada.
J. Lucian Roush	Ass't, Old Goshenhoppen																				Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Royersford	1	108	58	5	2	4	12	74	1				1	30	160		64	580	6	Royersford, " "
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	2	479	263	24	3	25	11	437	10		51	24	7	43	275		280	1220	12	Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa.
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	795	300	25	1	13	16	669	7			19	1	35	420		1396	1514	13	East Greenville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	425	109		18	46	5	364	5			17	2	39	209	3	738	533	22	Schwenksville, " "
*William G. Engle	Without charge																				New Berlinville, Berks Co., N. Y.
	†Great Swamp and Chestnut Hill	2	505	230	10	1	15	6	444	1			11	2	37	265	1	366	1013	18	Spinnerstown, Bucks Co., Pa.
	Hill	2	335						292					2	18	115					Hill Church, Berks Co., Pa.
	St. Stephen's, Pottstown.	1																			Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
‡Edward S. Bromer	Licentiate																				Schwenksville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
§Horace T. Wagner	"																				Frederick, " "
‡Thomas H. Leinbach	"																				Spinnerstown, Bucks Co., Pa.
‖John D. Hunsicker	"																				Schwenksville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Ministers, 15; Licent'tes, 4.	Charges, 14.	30	7575	3884	381	69	291	186	6364	81	64	243	40	520	4381	12	$5806	$16481	182		

*Received from East Susquehanna Classis at adjourned annual meeting, May 22, 1894. † Licentiate Thomas H. Leinbach, received from Lebanon Classis, May 22, 1894, is now pastor of the Great Swamp and Chestnut Hill charge. ‡ Licentiate E. S. Bromer was dismissed to Schuylkill Classis, May 22, 1894. § Licentiate H. T. Wagner was dismissed to the Congregational Association of New Jersey, May 22, 1894. ‖ Licentiate J. D. Hunsicker was dismissed to Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Sept. 19, 1894.

TOHICKON CLASSIS. May 4, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
David Rothrock	Without charge																				Bethlehem, Pa.
Levi C. Sheip	Doylestown	1	160	112	8		5	1	130				6	1	20	120		$100	$600	10	Doylestown, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	800	425	20		47	5	701	7			23	3	32	305	2	438	1673	20	Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	100	45	6			2	66				5	1	20	70		20	170	6	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	575	300	17	1	15	11	494	16		7	15	4	50	525	1	375	11759	15	Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	363	110	24	3	8	7	342	13			13	3	39	380	1	225	1300	18	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D. D.	Lower Saucon	4	551	381	33		10	2	439	4			18	5	63	362		1159	1283	18	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seiple	Hilltown	2	398	295	14	4	11	14	395	1			8	3	40	240		160	1201	12	Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	275	169	6	3	30	5	235	8			3	1	24	215		21847	1375	12	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothrock	Lansdale	1	235	70	17	4	7	12	186	4		3	4	1	22	279		212	1143	9	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	745	430	52	1	1	28	651	10			27	8	29	330	1	210	1440	20	Coopersburg, Pa.
Samuel H. Phillips	Durham	3	565	340	18		12	8	425	6			10	3	30	280	2	8023	15230	17	Durham, Pa.
Jonathan W. Miller	South Easton	1	292	196	18	1	18	5	273	4		22	4	1	48	257		123	1246	12	South Easton, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	493	200	29	1	1	15	384	14			14	4	20	150		351	800	35	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	298	150	4	6	35		271				1	3	26	215		25	3977	14	Frenchtown, N. J.
Charles B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	620	392	15		12	9	509	9		5	12	4	39	200	1	315	866	15	Kintnersville, Pa.
David Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	448	246	32	1	25	46	315	4		36	3	2	56	311		305	1507	12	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbaursville	3	450	310	23	1	5	17	372	4			15	3	28	175		87	831	12	Quakertown, Pa.
" supply	Leidy's and Souderton	2	207	100	9	10	18	36	187	5			8	2	38	200		101	589	10	" "
J. Kehm, "	Schlichter's	1	184	95	10				152	3		18	11	1	19	75		30	326	8	Sellersville, Pa.
John Naille	Without charge																				Hatfield, Pa.
Ministers, 19.		39	7759	4366	355	36	250	223	5897	112		91	200	53	643	4439	8	$31101	$47316	275	

Student Charles F. Althouse was licensed and dismissed to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.

LEHIGH CLASSIS. May 14, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Vacant	Ziegel's	5	1000	700	73	1	50		975			50	10		300	5	$507	$4000	10	
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	310	115	36		17		270	2		13	4		400		82	450	20	Maxatawney, Berks Co., Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D. D.	Egypt	4	1150	580	72		18	8	930	10		35	9	64	580	3	620	1600	24	529 Turner St., Allentown, Pa.
Abraham Bartholomew	† Mahoning	5	755	425	83	1	50		635	3		24	23		425		211	1800		Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.
E. J. Fogel, D. D.	Jordan	4	925	500	44		48	2	875	12		26	8		500	1	408	1400	20	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
S. G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's, Allentown	1	643	257	19		19	16	473	4		11	1	65	431	2	4297	3615	20	24 S. Seventh St. Allentown, Pa.
A. J. G. Dubbs, D. D.	Disabled																			523 Walnut St., " "
Benjamin Weiss	Lenhartsville	4	600	275	31		23	8	510	4		17	6	85	335	1	285	1020		Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	St. Mark's	1	158	100	20	2	13	8	108			9	1	10	100	1	32	300	7	911 Hamilton St., Allentown, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.	Supt. Pub. Instruc. Pa.																			Lancaster, Pa.
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	700	550	97		39		598			34	9	72	550	3	191	1200		Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa.
N. W. Helffrich	His father's assistant																			Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
John H. Leinbach	St. John's, Kutztown	1	280	110	12		27		260			8	1		110		87	800	7	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Moses H. Diefenderfer	Christ, Allentown	1	230	116	45	1	18	5	170	4	6	10	1	28	265		111	518	18	162 Chew St., Allentown, Pa.
Neri F. Peters	Slatington	1	530	310	38		29	40	405	10	20	22	1	36	390	2	515	2160	16	Slatington, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Julius C. J. Kurtz	Without charge																			1014 Penn St., Reading, Pa.
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's, Lehighton	1	554	374	32	2	24	11	326	3	2	9	1	32	400	1	522	1216	10	Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.
Henry D. Kurtz	Without charge																			139 N. Seventh St., Allentown, Pa.
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof F. & M. College																			Lancaster, Pa.
M. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	3	530	180	38	1	7		403	6		17	3		525		227	1800		Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa.
Tobias Kessler	Without charge																			320 N. Seventh St., Allentown, Pa.
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's, Allentown	1	1282	600	125	7	81	71	1120	15	18	56	1	72	1344	2	1563	4181	25	141 N. Seventh St., " "
Thos. J. Hacker	Zion's, "	1	772	525	30		21	12	574	8	26	15	1	41	664		1014	6830	20	41 N. Eighth St., " "
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School																			Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa.
S. U. Mitman	Trinity, Allentown	1	102	45	10		10	28	50				1	10	175		534	568	6	41 N. Eleventh St., Allentown, Pa.
Chas. E. Schaeffer	Emaus	2	430	330	37	2	23	12	370	4		15	2	41	490		234	5400	20	Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. Wm. Knappenberger	Pres. Allentown College																			Allentown, " " "
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawney	4	655	370	23		21	8	510	1		8	4	58	400		254	1650	64	Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa.
Marsby J. Roth	Summit Hill	2	227	243	21	1	25	37	130	2		6	2	41	312		143	1498		Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa.
Chas. E. Schaeffer, M. H. Brensinger	Supplies, Macungie	2	430	200	19		1		350			12	3	20	420		148	750	10	Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa. / Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa.
John Leinbach, supply.	St. Peter's	1	85	40	3				76			3	1		40		6	175		Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
N. W. Helffrich, "	Frieden's	1	200				1		150	3		3	3		100		52	200		Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
R. S. Appel, "	Grimsville	1	125	90	2		13		115			4	2	15	110		17	425	5	Hamburg, Pa.
" "	Lenhartsville	1	69	45	4				49	1			2	10	75		17	26	5	" "
Geo. S. Butz, licentiate																				Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa.
*Edwin D. Meixel, lic.																				
Wm. Yenser, licentiate																				Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.
Ministers, 28: Lic., 3.		56	12592	7120	914	18	576	266	10372	92	72	407	100	700	9427	21	$1262.29	$43682	307	

* Dismissed to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, July 2, 1894. † Rev. Abraham Bartholomew resigned, and the charge divided, Oct. 4, 1894, at a special meeting of Classis.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS. May 14, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms: Infants.	Baptisms: Adults.	Additions: Confirmed.	Additions: Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions: Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions: Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
A. S. Leinbach, D. D.	Schwartzwald	5	1770	700	124	5	107		1601	25			63	8	85	610	2	$1431	$1200	14	45 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
B. Bausman, D. D.	St. Paul's Memorial	1	740	300	22		22	15	625	13			12	1	64	468		2080	10330	13	Reading, Pa.
H. A. Keyser, D. D.	St. Paul's	1	850	770	87	1	37	19	770	15			25	1	65	770	2	400	2500	12	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Henry Leisse	Bethany	3	400	125	35		13		282	3			24	3	27	205		115	700	12	Orwigsburg, Pa.
H. Mosser, D. D.	First Reformed	1	1200	840	49	1	34	22	940	15		170	24	1	103	785	1	2964	3857	16	611 Wash. St., Reading, Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz	St. John's	1	480	400	70	4	20	10	370	12		45	12	1	52	406		270	1800	14	Reading, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew	Trinity	1	508	275	33	1	24	27	365	6			12	1	42	335		458	3000	16	Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity	1	265	165	26		11	8	211	5		4	7	1	20	140	1	155	2334	14	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	630	400	49		18	8	480	5		2	21	5	30	360		304	2347	22	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's	1	574	370	30	2	26	41	441	8		10	7	1	50	513	1	900	1800	8	Reading, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's	1	340	170	10	1	13	14	260	4		17	6	1	35	270		354	3000	10	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's	2	210	185	18		24	22	205			20		2	17	275	1	85	1600	11	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	255	160	35	1	9	6	166	8			8	2	34	315		65	1453	8	Cressona, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Without charge																				New Berlin, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	Riverside Mission	2	379	197	11	2	38	49	319	4				2	45	495		205	1960	11	100 Douglass St., Re'ding, Pa.
T. J. Bower	St. Clair	3	408	191	33		20	10	186	2		17	8	3	32	310		74	1503	14	Frackville, Pa.
J. I. Good, D. D.	Calvary	1	110	126	15	2	10	14	184					1	30	410		270	4943	10	Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	430	400	18	1	17	24	373	6		41	5	1	60	600		525	2270	9	" "
W. J. Muir	Tremont	3	357	256	34		6	7	252	7		8	5	3	39	265		80	804	10	Tremont, Pa.
Robert O'Boyle	Trinity	1	357	280	27	2	10	7	210			3	2	1	15	280		100	1300	10	Shenandoah, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh	Second Reformed	1	630	206	15	3	28	26	518	10		13	10	1	58	536	2	6850	4756	18	Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas'	1	189	80	47	2	19	16	155	2		6	2	1	24	300		26	1150	8	" "
H. K. Miller	Missionary				3																Sendai, Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James'	2	204	95	42	2	15	20	171	5		23	4	2	60	468		38	1725	16	West Reading, Pa.
Geo. W. Gerhard	Hamburg	2	375	275	22		25	6	335				10	2	26	305		362	1603	12	Hamburg, Pa.
W. Herbert	First Reformed	1	251	140	11		35	26	160	2		48	2	1	25	200		50	1025	12	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost *	Emmanuel's	1	100	70	21			1	85				3	1	17	60		20	225	4	Minersville, Pa.
Geo. E. Addams	Without charge																				Reading, Pa.
Edward Bromer †	Orwigsburg	2	232	120					175					2	31	240	1	50		14	Orwigsburg, Pa.
S. A. Leinbach ‡	Leesport	4	486	270	25		24		438	17			11	4	44	175		189	950	14	Reading, Pa.
Vacant	Pinegrove	2	396	340	10				65				8	2	42	285		8	160	10	Pinegrove, Pa.
J. J. Fisher ‡	St. Peter's	1	12	38	7		7		35				4	2	12	95		9	100		
"	Christ's	1	170	160	29		4	2	150				11	3	21	140		10	200		
"	Zion's	1	30	30	4				28				1	1	10	35		8	90		
I. F. Wagner, licentiate §																					
Ministers, 29; licentiates, 1	Charges, 28.	53	13195	8234	965	30	658	414	10971	170		267	321	61	1285	11135	11	$19455	$61274	342	

* Ordained June 1, 1894.
† Received from Goshenhoppen Classis, July 9, 1894, and ordained July 29, 1894.
‡ Supply.
§ Dismissed September 25, 1894, to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.

WYOMING CLASSIS. June 6, 1894.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms Infants.	Baptisms Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Alfred Houtz	Orangeville	4	335	12	12	6	26	1	283	10		4	8	4	42	235		$227 00	$1275 00	12	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
Franklin K. Levan, D. D.	Wilkesbarre	1	426	350	27		17	12	300	36		16	14	1	25	185		105 00	1260 00	10	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer	Weatherly	2	500	300	45		46	10	350	5		10	25	1	25	400		150 00	1300 00	8	Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.
Daniel E. Schoedler	Paradise	3	482	389	20	2	17		350	23			10	3	32	230	2	361 00	1015 00	25	Turbotville, Pa.
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	368	143	7	2	6	8	278	8		10	5	2	43	350	1	294 00	1601 00	14	Watsontown, North'm'd Co., Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Conyngham	4	819	489	55	1	51	3	651	8			29	5	46	375	1	471 00	1550 00	10	Conyngham, Pa.
George W. Kershner	Christ Ch., Fayette, N.Y	1	113	20	3	1	3	3	65				2	1	9	80		67 00	795 00	8	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
Aaron Noll	Hazleton	1	187	150	20	1	12	9	183	2		3	2	1	22	240	1	297 50	2904 09	10	Hazleton, Pa.
David W. Ebbert	Milton	1	409	141	13	4	27	31	321	4		13	6	1	30	290		324 00	2435 00	15	Milton, Pa.
W. D. Donat	Wapwallopen	6	505	294	32	3	31	3	401	5		18	15	7	60	402		396 00	1189 00	20	Wapwallopen, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Emanuel	2	274	107	10	6	23	9	224	2			1	2	23	222		165 00	3801 00	12	Strawb'y Ridge, Montour Co., Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	126	120	17		10	1	87	3		4	11	1	11	162		57 00	662 00	6	Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Freeland	2	408	420	75	3	51	37	310			6	11	1	28	350	1	268 00	1864 00	16	Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa.
W. H. Stubblebine	Scranton	1	64	14	2	4	14	6	57			2	1	1	13	65		26 00	392 00	9	634 Quincy Ave., Scranton, Pa.
C. H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	199	110	16	6	8	9	157			24	5	1	21	192		194 00	1610 00	8	Bloomsburg, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	154	123	17	1	7	23	130	1			5	1	15	85		74 00	1337 00	9	921 Main St., Nanticoke, Pa.
Charles B. Alspach	Danville	1	326	165	8	5	19	16	242	4			6	1	29	213		410 00	1151 00	15	Danville, Pa.
Franklin H. Fisher	Mansdale	2	182	70	7	2	19	11	150	1		3	5	2	24	125		97 00	660 00	8	" "
Charles P. Kehl	Overton	3	159	96	1			3	147	3		45	2	3	23	135	1	16 78	595 00	10	Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.
S. C. Meckel	North Wilkesbarre	1	47	75	13			13	41	3			7	1	10	65		5 00	670 00	7	51 Hallenbach Ave., Wilkesbarre.
Cosmos H. Herbst	West Hazleton																1			5	West Hazleton, Pa.
Alfred Houtz, supply	Brier Creek	1	41	15	2		6		35			1	1					24 00	80 00	3	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
E. C. Musselman	Licentiate																				Overton, Sullivan Co., Pa.
* Frank N. Bleiler	"																				Slonaker, Pa.
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* Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1894.

Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.											Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.	
East Pennsylvania	31	51	10690	6135	665	19	387	312	7863	121	0	120	273	69	7615	907	10	$7662	$38600	289
Lebanon	19	51	10559	5838	556	33	481	154	9304	167	0	126	305	64	6157	757	13	5878	27978	280
Philadelphia	35	33	6256	1410	256	158	327	338	5166	122	0	191	113	35	6987	555	14	31960	55412	323
Lancaster	35	42	6142	2924	325	135	379	248	5087	172	0	72	167	43	6257	762	7	8101	29603	331
East Susquehanna	15	56	5636	3868	539	9	230	81	4438	63	0	30	193	60	4656	553	8	3315	24476	208
West Susquehanna	19	56	5121	2778	250	30	202	134	4472	88	0	109	107	55	4120	577	5	8391	18436	324
Goshenhoppen	15	30	7575	3884	381	69	291	136	6364	81	0	64	243	40	4381	520	12	5806	16481	182
Tohickon	19	39	7759	4366	355	36	250	223	5897	112	0	91	200	53	4439	643	8	34101	47316	275
Lehigh	28	56	12562	7120	914	18	576	266	10372	92	0	72	407	100	9127	700	21	12029	43682	307
Schuylkill	29	53	13195	8234	905	30	658	414	10971	170	0	267	321	61	11135	1285	11	19455	61274	342
Wyoming	23	41	6123	3703	402	47	393	208	4762	118	0	159	171	40	4340	531	8	4028	28146	240
Eastern Synod (Total) . . . . . Classes . 11	268	508	91648	50260	5608	584	4174	2514	74696	1306	0	1301	2490	620	69514	7709	117	$140726	$391404	
Synod of Ohio 6	115	223	21011	5890	714	664	1442	949	17031	494	4	736	342	198	19381	2401	29	10922	118433	
German Synod of Northwest 10	142	214	20016	13737	1822	29	1233	954	14198	244	5	515	510	186	10602		35	14487	92366	
Synod of Pittsburgh 5	72	164	17103	9609	1000	135	734	745	13606	431	0	317	324	117	10372	697	10	20166	65601	
Synod of Potomac 9	160	302	35625	21143	2012	418	1932	1057	30163	671	3	312	825	283	26785	2666	60	39096	158229	
German Synod of the East 5	53	53	13616	9936	2250	14	717	926	10687	103	1	697	445	51	10711	1100	11	9390	78493	
Central Synod 4	80	116	19588	11447	1281	65	899	910	14346	253	6	479	390	103	11850	1450	23	13959	98066	
Synod of the Interior 5	48	66	2866	1311	156	60	158	183	2101	74	0	142	67	52	3015	408	6	3264	15033	
Total, 1894, 8 Synods 55	938	1646	221473	123333	14752	1969	11289	8238	176228	3576	19	4499	5393	1610	162230	16031	291	$257947	$1017625	
Total, 1893, 8 Synods 55	923	1591	216436	121926	14475	1545	10765	7114	172921	3535	31	3891	5180	1581	154144	15056	284	219919	983593	

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN SHAMOKIN, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.

The sessions commenced on the evening of the 16th, and continued until noon of the twenty-first of the month—adjourning at 11:30 A. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa., on Wednesday, October 16th, A. D. 1895, at 7:30 P. M., in accordance with the resolution adopted by the last Synod. The opening sermon was preached by the Stated Clerk, Rev. Jno. P. Stein, from the text recorded Acts 4 : 12.

Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Ministers.—Gus. A. Schwedes, O. P. Steckel,[d] F. W. Smith, J. W. Mabry, T. O. Stem, J. E. Smith.[2-d]

Elders.—Jas. W. Kemmerer, Lewis Bauman,[d] Q. F. Messienger,[2] Chas. F. Hartzell, Jacob Roeder.

From Lebanon Classis.

Ministers.—Adam J. Bachman,[2-d] Henry J. Welker,[d] Thos, M. Yundt and Warren J. Johnson.

Elders.—S. P. Heilman, M. D.,[3] Saml. Klopp,[e] Jno. L. J. Stoudt.

From Philadelphia Classis.

Ministers.—J. H. Sechler, D. D., Jas. Crawford, D. D., D. U. Wolff, H. T. Spangler, D. D., A. S. Bromer,[d] R. C. Zartman.

Elders.—F.,G. Hobson, Esq., H. M. Housekeeper, J. Y. Dietz,[3] P. T. Nyce,[e] J. S. Sechler,[3] and G. W. Walton.[e]

From Lancaster Classis.

Ministers: Ellis S. Hay, S. Schweitzer,[2] J. H. Pannebecker, Jno. G. Noss, B. H. Roth,[2] J. S. Hartman, J. M. Souder.

Elders: Chas. Denues, E. H. Burkholder, C. W. Myers, L. D. Rutherford, J. B. Kieffer, Ph. D.,[d] Ernest C. Bowers,[d] Jacob Z. Heisey.

From East Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: I. M. Schaeffer, Jno. J. Stauffer, A. R. Hottenstein.[e]

Elders: C. J. Lessig, Geo. M. Conrad, Wm. C. Estler.[2-d]

From West Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers: W. A. Haas, M. L. Firor, Jas. R. Bergey.[3-d]

Elders: Prof. Wm. Moyer,[3] W. F. Brown,[e] J. C. Kryder.[e]

From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Ministers: Thos. H. Leinbach, L. K. Evans, Chas. S. Wieand.[3]

Elders: Geo. F. Stong, Wm. H. Buck, Wm. W. Schelley.

From Tohickon Classis.

Ministers: David Scheirer, C. B. Weaver, H. F. Long.

Elders: Joseph G. Moyer, Jno. F. Ambler.

From Lehigh Classis.

Ministers: M. H. Diefenderfer, Chas. E. Schaeffer,[e] S. U. Mitman,[2] J. W. Knappenberger, Geo. B. Smith.

Elders: L. C. Berkemeyer, M. D., David Scheirer, W. Bachman,[d] Jos. Obert.[d]

From Schuylkill Classis.

Ministers: W. J. Muir,[e] S. L. Krebs, H. Y. Stoner, J. W. Steinmetz, O. H. Strunck.

Elders: Daniel Miller,[3-d] Justus Shearer,[3] Daniel Schepp, M. H. Master,[2-d] J. H. Stein.

From Wyoming Classis.

Ministers: Chas. H. Brandt, D. E. Schoedler, H. A. I. Benner, Wm. H. Stubblebine.

Elders: A. M. DeWitt, Daniel Clinger.

The number indicates the day of arrival, and the letter the day of departure.

Advisory Members.

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. John F. DeLong.

Philadelphia Classis.—Rev. C. J. Musser.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., A. C. Whitmer, R. W. Miller, John S. Stahr, Ph. D., D. D.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. R. Duenger, D. D., J. Calvin Leinbach, C. H. Mutschler, John A. Danner.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. Wm. E. Hoy, T. N. Reber, J. R. Brown.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. T. J. Bower, R. O'Boyle, H. A. Keyser, D. D.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. Geo. S. Sorber, C. B. Alspach.

Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D.

Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. S. S. Miller.

Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Prof. J. H. Apple.

Portland, Oregon, Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Dr. John Gantenbein.

Other Churches.

Lutheran Church, Revs. J. F. Wampole, W. E. Fischer.

United Evangelical Church, Rev. D. Z. Kemble.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Heany.

Methodist Church.—Rev. W. U. Ganoe.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following persons are the officers of Synod, elected to serve for the ensuing Synodical year:

Rev. J. H. Pannabecker, Columbia, Pa., President.

Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Scranton, Pa., Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa., continues Stated Clerk.

Elder John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., Treasurer.

Rev. H. A. I. Benner, Freeland, Pa., Reading Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

The Reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The President defined the Bar of the House to extend to the eighth pew from the chancel.

The daily sessions opened at 9 A. M. and closed at 5 P. M., with a recess from 11:30 A. M., to 1:30 P. M. A business session was held on Friday evening after service, closing at 10 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. J. H Sechler, D. D., Thos. H. Leinbach, Chas. H. Brandt, Elders Geo. M. Conrad, Jno. F. Ambler.

Overtures.—Revs. W. J. Johnson, Ellis S. Hay, F. W. Smith, Elders Chas. Denues, Wm. W. Shelley.

Religious Services.—Rev. C. B. Schneder, A. R. Hottenstein, I. M. Schaeffer, Elders C. J. Lessig, Roger Hendricks.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. G. A. Schwedes, Chas. E. Schaeffer, J. M. Souder, Elders L. D. Rutherford, H. M. Housekeeper.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. G. Noss, H. T. Spangler, D. D., L. K. Evans, Elders Daniel Shepp, W. F. Brown.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. James Crawford, D. D, J. W. Mabry, D. U. Wolf, Elders W. H. Buck, L. C. Berkemeyer, M. D.

Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. W. Knappenberger, W. A. Haas, J. G. Dengler, Elders Dr. J. H. Stein, Dr. S. P. Heilman.

Missions.—Revs. I. M. Schaeffer, M. H. Diffenderfer, C. B. Weaver, Elders F. G. Hobson, Esq., Geo. F. Stong.

Finance.—Revs. J. W. Steinmetz, O. P. Steckel, Geo. B. Smith, Elders E. H. Burkholder, Jacob Rader.

Nominations.—Revs. T. O. Stem, M. L. Firor, Thos. M. Yundt, Elders David Scheirer, J. Z. Heisey.

Publication.—Revs. W. A. Haas, J. Stewart Hartman, O. H. Strunk, Elders J. B. Kieffer, Ph. D., Jacob Rader.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. S. L. Krebs, R. C. Zartman, A. S. Bromer, Elders C. W. Meyers, P. T. Nyce.

Orphan Home.—Revs. D. Scheirer, D. E. Schoedler, W. H. Stubblebine, Elders J. Y. Dietz, Ernest C. Bowers.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

3. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and also the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Report of the General Board of Missions and the Report of Board of Foreign Missions were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. Numerous other documents were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Acts and Proceedings of the Synod at Harrisburg were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items as claim the attention of Synod. The Committee presented its report on Thursday; it was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The Report is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to offer the following report for your consideration:

Item 1, page 70. Stated Clerk instructed to issue appeal to Church at large, for relief of our missionaries.

Item 2, page 84. Standing Committee to be annually appointed on Sunday-school documents.

Item 3, *page 87*. Stated Clerk instructed to have requisite number of copies of Minutes of Synod printed, and distribute the same.

Item 4, page 94. Committee on joint-ownership of Calvin College, Revs. Levan, Sechler and Elder John B. Kieffer.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on the foregoing items the result is herewith indicated; as to the action on the 1st and 2d items the Stated Clerk reported the matter as having been attended to. On item 3, see Article XIX. on Publication, and on item 4, see Article XXI. on Church Government.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures read its report, which was considered item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following:

Item 1. Report of Bethany Orphan Home.

Item 2. Report of Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

Item 3. Report of General Board of Missions.

Item 4. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education of Eastern Synod.

Item 5. Report of "Society for the Relief of Ministers and Minister's Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Item 6. Report of Wichita College.

Item 7. Report of President J. S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 8. A communication from Secretary of Board of Home Missions, notifying Synod of the expiration of the term of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Superintendent of Missions.

Item 9. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College, notifying Synod of the recommendation for "reëlection" as members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, Charles Santee and John D. Skiles.

Item 10. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod, containing resolutions of that Synod pertaining to salaries of and locations of sites for houses of professors in the Theological Seminary, Lancaster.

Item 11. A communication from Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman, D. D., inviting Synod to hold sessions of 1896 in Zion's Reformed Church, at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Item 12. A communication from Rev. G. A. Schwedes, inviting Synod to hold sessions of 1896 in Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Item 13. A communication from Rev. B. Howard Roth, inviting Synod to hold sessions of 1896 in the Reformed Church, Millersville, Pa.

Item 14. Report of Stated Clerk of Schuylkill Classis, stating action of said Classis concerning the division of the Classis and the formation of the Classis of Reading.

Item 15. A communication from Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, inviting Synod to hold sessions of 1896 in the Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN J. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

For action on item 1, see Article XX., on Orphans' Home; on items 2, 3, 8, see Article XIV., on Missions; on items 4, 7, 9, 10, see Article XIII., on Theological Seminary and College; on items 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 15, see Article XXIII., on Miscellaneous; on item 14, see Article XXI., on Church Government.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service. The Standing Committee on Religious Service made the following appointments for service during the week and on the Lord's Day, which were adopted:

Report on Religious Service.

Your Committee on Religious Service beg leave to report as follows:

Thursday, October 17th, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of Home Missions. Rev. S. L. Krebs, presiding. Address, Rev. L. K. Evans; subject, "The Possibilities of this Synod in the Sphere of Home Mission Activity." Address, Rev. W. H. Stubblebine; subject, "The Responsibilities Resting Upon Pastors by Virtue of Synod's Possibilities." Address, Rev. A. C. Whitmer; subject, "Church Building Funds."

Friday, October 18th, 7:30 P.M. Service in the interest of Allentown College for Women. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, presiding. Address, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, President; subject, "The Aim of the College." Address, Rev. J. F. DeLong; subject, "Its Claims Upon the People." Address, Rev. G. A. Schwedes; subject, "Their Interest and Obligation to Support It."

Saturday, October 18th, 4 P. M. Preparatory service. Sermon by Rev. J. G. Noss. Altar service by Rev. I. M. Schaeffer and Rev. J. G. Dengler.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Service in the interest of the Sunday-school. Rev. T. O. Stem, presiding. Address, Elder S. P. Heilman, M. D.; subject, "The Responsibility of Pastor and Consistory for the Improvement and Extension of the Sunday-school." Address, Elder J. H. Stein; subject, "The Home Department." Address, Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr; subject, "Systematic Bible Study." Address, Elder F. G. Hobson; subject, "The Roll of Honor." All speakers to be strictly limited to fifteen minutes.

Sunday, October 20th, 9 A. M. Synodical Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Pannebecker. Altar services by Rev. L. K. Evans and Rev. W. J. Johnson.

Sunday, 10:30 A. M. German service. Sermon by Rev. D. E. Schoedler. Altar service, by Rev. A. R. Hottenstein and Rev. H. J. Welker.

Sunday, 2 P. M. Sunday-school service. Address by Rev. T. M. Yundt; subject, "The Mutual Relation of Teacher and Scholar." Address, Rev M. L. Firor; subject, "The Importance of Memory-work in Sunday-school." Address, Rev. H.Y. Stoner; subject, "What Influence the Sunday-school can exert towards a Proper Sabbath Observance." Addresses, limited to eight minutes.

Sunday, 3.30 P. M. Meeting in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. Addresses, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Rev. A. S. Bromer and Rev. S. U. Mitman.

Tuesday, 6 P. M. Harbaugh Y. P. S. C. E. service. Addresses, Elder F. G. Hobson, Rev. C. H. Brandt and Rev. B. H. Roth.

Sunday, 7 P. M. Service in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., presiding. Address by Rev Wm. E. Hoy. Pulpits to be supplied.

First M. E. Church.—Rev. W. V. Ganoe, Pastor; 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D.; 7 P. M., Rev. O. H. Strunck.

Second M. E. Church.—Rev. J. W. D. Deavor, Pastor; 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. J. Stauffer; 7 P. M., Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Rev. W. E. Fischer, Pastor; 7 P. M., Rev. S. L. Krebs.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. F. Wampole, Pastor; 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, German; 7 P. M. Rev. L. K. Evans.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Jas. Heany, Pastor; 10:30 A.M., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger; 7 P. M., Rev. Prof. J. S. Stahr, D. D.

United Brethren Church.—Rev. C. A. Mutch, Pastor; 10:30 A. M., Rev. C. H. Brandt; 7 P. M., Rev. W. J. Muir.

Trinity United Evangelical Church.—Rev. G. W. Gross, Pastor; 10:30 A. M., Rev. S. Schweitzer, German.

Evangelical Church.—Rev. A. L. Messinger, Pastor; Rev. Ellis S. Hay.

Primitive Methodist Church.—Rev. James Walker; 10:30 A. M., Rev. Jas. R. Bergey. 7 P. M., Rev. G. B. Smith.

First Baptist Church.—(Vacant); 10:30 A. M., Rev. M. L. Firor; 7 P. M., Rev. H. Y. Stoner. Signed C. B. Schneder, Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday. It was considered and acted on item by item at intervals, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows to wit:

To the Brethren of Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg to report that we engage in the laborious task of reading all the Minutes submitted to us, and find the following items claiming your attention.

I. Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis furnishes an incomplete schedule, nor is it arranged in the order as directed in the Constitution as a guide for the Committee on Minutes of Classes.
2. Page 18, the Minutes give only a summary instead of verbatim report of Treasurer, page 23, according to resolution of Synod last year.
3. East Susquehanna Classis fails to report dismissals in schedule, or to refer to pages in same. It closed a special meeting without prayer (last page of report).
4. Goshenhoppen Classis opened the annual meeting without a sermon.
5. Tohickon Clasis fails to give the schedule in full.
6. Schuylkill Classis sends an incomplete schedule.

II. Requests.

1. Schuylkill Classis requests Synod to confirm the action taken at the annual meeting dividing said Classis, and forming a new Classis to be known as the Classis of Reading. Page 39.
2. Wyoming Classis overtures Synod to give a deliverance on the question, who is to be counted in the column of "communed" in the statistical tables? Page 11.
3. Wyoming Classis disapproves of the plan of entertaining delegates to Synod, adopted at Synod's last annual meeting, and overtures Synod to reconsider its action and submit the matter to the Classes for their judgment. Page 16.
4. Wyoming Classis overtures Synod to adopt a rule forbidding students of theology to preach as candidates in vacant charges before they have been licensed, or to accept calls from such charges, and enjoining the charges within its bounds from electing and calling such students. Page 35.

III. Subjects Referred.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it by Synod with the following exceptions: It declines to accept the apportionment for Church Building Fnnd,

page 8; also that for Foreign Missions, page 29; accepts the apportionment for Home Missions, but instructs its Treasurer to pay $600 of this amount toward the support of the Stroudsburg Mission, page 29.

2. Lebanon Classis fails to adopt the item of arrearages.

3. Goshenhoppen Classis acted favorably on all items referred to it by Synod except (1) the request that the Children's Day offerings be devoted to the general Sunday school cause, page 11; (2) does not accept the apportionment for Church Building Fund, page 16; (3) or for arrearages, page 16.

4. Tohickon Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred by Synod except the irregularity which states that the clerk had given a mere epitome of the Treasurer's report.

5. Schuylkill Classis acted favorably on all subjects except the apportionment for the cause of Foreign Missions, which it accepts only in part, declining $210 of the total amount.

6. Wyoming Classis takes favorable action except on the following: It assumes only $800 for Home Missions, only $500 for Foreign Missions, and declines to accept its apportionments for teacher of elocution, current expenses of the Theological Seminary, Church Building Fund and Calvin College, page 14.

7. The other Classes not named under this subdivision took favorable action on all subjects referred to them by Synod.

IV. Appeals and Complaints.

There are no appeals or complaints in the Minutes of Classes submitted to your body.

IV. Licensure and Ordination, Etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Theodore F. Hermann; ordained Lic. Irvin M. Bachman; received Lic. Thomas H. Krick, from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. A. H. Hibshman from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Charles E. Creitz to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. Thos. A. Huber to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and erased from its roll the name of Rev. James B. May.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Harry W. Bright, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, Thomas H. Krick and Elmer S. Noll; ordained Lic. Harry W. Bright; dismissed Rev. Harry W. Bright to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Jairus A. Wickert to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. Thomas H. Krick to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, and Lic. Elmer S. Noll to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod; received Rev. U. H. Heilman from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Samuel H. Seem; received Rev. D. N. Dittmar from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Lic. Emmet C. Sult from Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. W. A. Korn from Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod; ordained Lic. F. N. Bleiler; Lic. E. W. Middleton; Lic. E. C. Sult; Lic.

S. H. Seem; dismissed Rev. F. C. Yost to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. George Stibitz, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North; Rev. A. H. Hibshman to East Pennsylvania Classis, and erased the name of Rev. Joseph Duckworth.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Henry H. Ranch, Wm. H. Mader; ordained Lic. Wm. Yenser; received Rev. N. J. Miller and Rev. J. G. Noss from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Lic. Wm. Yenser from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Chas. H. Slinghoff to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. D. W. Albright to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. R. W. Miller to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. Wm. H. Mader to Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Geo. Merle Zacharias to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Lic. Carl F. Dewitz to Dakota Classis, Synod of Chicago, Reformed Church in North America.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Samuel Kuhn from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod and dismissed Lic. Harry N. Bassler to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. R. E. Butz to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Gerny Weber; ordained Lic. Chas. M. Smith; received Rev. Dr. R. L. Gerhart from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. Howard H. Spohn from Goshenhoppen Classis; dismissed Rev. S. Kuhn to East Susquehanna Classis, Gerny Weber to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. M. O. Noll to Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod, and Rev. I. W. Hendricks to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Howard H. Spohn and J. A. Hunsicker; ordained Lic. Thos. H. Leinbach and dismissed H. H. Spohn to West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed H. J. Hillegass; received Lic. W. H. Mader from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. W. H. Hoch from the Moravian Church; dismissed Lic. H. J. Hillegass to Zions Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Lic. C. F. Althouse to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.

9. Lehigh Classis dismissed Lic. Wm. Yenser to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and received Rev. Thos. N. Reber from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed W. D. Happel and Elias S. Noll; ordained Lic. Elmer S. Noll; received Elmer S. Noll from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Daniel W. Albright from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; and David P. Lefever from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Lic. W. D. Happel and Lic. Elias S. Noll to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod.

11. Wyoming Classis received Rev. S. E. Stofflet from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; Lics. Wm. D. Happel and Elias S. Noll from Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Thos. A. Huber from East Pennsylvania Classis; Grace Reformed Church at Hazleton, Pa., and the Reformed Church at Stockton, Pa., from the German Phila-

delphia Classis, German Synod of the East; dismissed Rev. A. Noll to the Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. Chas. P. Kehl to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; and Rev. Franklin H. Fisher to Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior; ordained Lics. Wm. D. Happel and Elias S. Noll, and dismissed Rev. W. D. Donat to Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod.

VI.—Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will hold its next annual sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Feemansburg, Northampton County, Pa., beginning the second Wednesday in May (13), 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. O. P. Steckel; Stated Clerk, Rev. T. O. Stem.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of Myerstown, Lebanon County, Pa., on Monday preceding Ascension Day (May 11), 1896, at 7 o'clock P. M.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in annual sessions in Calvary Reformed Church, 29th St. and Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., on the second Tuesday in May, 1896, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. E. C. Hibshman; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual sessions in Shoop's Reformed Church, Dauphin County, Pa., on Monday, April 27, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. B. H. Roth; Stated Clerk, Rev. D. W. Gerhard.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in Salem's Reformed Church at Pillow, Dauphin County, Pa., on May 11, 1896, at 7:30 P. M. President, S. P. Brown; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. C. Leinbach.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. John's Reformed at Williamsport, on the second Wednesday of May, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. James R. Brown; Stated Clerk, Rev. Wm. A. Haas.

7. Gosshenhoppen Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Friedensburg (Oley, Pa.), Berks County, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, May 12, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach; Stated Clerk, Rev. C. S. Wieand.

8. Tohickon Classis will in annual sessions in St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Perkasie, Bucks County, Pa., on Monday after Ascension Day, May 18, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. C. B. Weaver; Stated Clerk, N. Z. Snyder.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. John's Reformed Church at Slatington, Pa., on Monday, May 18, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. G. W. Richards; Stated Clerk, Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in annual sessions in the New Jerusalem Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., on Monday, April 20, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. J. Muir.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in annual sessions in Calvary Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa., on Wednesday, May 6, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. W. D. Donat; Stated Clerk, Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

VII.—Summary of Action on Foreign Mission Apportionment.

Your Committee has summarized the action of the Classes on the apportionment for Foreign Missions with the following result: 8 Classes adopt, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh; 2 adopt in part, accepting portion of the assessment, Schuylkill and Wyoming; 1 rejects *in toto*, East Pennsylvania.

VIII.—Addenda.

1. Your Committee begs to recommend the publication of Minutes of Classes whenever feasible, not only for the pleasure your Committee has in perusing them when submitted in such form, but especially for the good we are persuaded they accomplish in being distributed among the members of the Church. Three Classes publish their Minutes in full; two publish comprehensive abstracts.

2. We would request Stated Clerks to furnish schedules on leaves separate from the body of the Minutes, and have such schedules follow the order laid down in the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. SCHWEDES, *Chairman.*

For Synod's action on the items under the head of Irregularities, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References.

For action on 1st and 3d items, under the head of Requests, see Article XXI., on Church Government. On 2d and 4th items, see Article XVI., on Appeals and References.

All the items under the head of Subjects Referred were adopted, and the attention of the several Classes was directed to Synod's action as contained in the adoption of the Report on Finance.

All the items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission were adopted. Also those under the head of Time and Place for the Next Annual Meetings of the Several Classes. The summary of action on Foreign Mission Apportionment and 1st and 2d items under the head of Addenda were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that the only duty that has confronted it is to state this fact.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. G. NOSS, *Chairman.*

Necrology.

The following record is here given of those in the Ministry of the Reformed Church, who have ended their labors within the bounds of this Synod, and taken their departure to the eternal world during the Synodical year.

Rev. Franklin Klein Levan, D. D., died Nov. 13, 1894, at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Franklin K. Levan was born July 15th, 1831, in Maxatawny township, Berks County, Pa. He was the descendant of an old Huguenot family, which settled at an early date in this county. At the age of seventeen he entered Elmwood Institute, at Norristown. In 1851 he entered Marshall College and was among the students that came with the institution to Lancaster, where he was graduated with honor in 1853. After his graduation he took a course in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg. In 1856 he was examined by Synod that convened in Reading, Pa., and licensed to preach the Gospel. In 1857 he was ordained in the month of May at Stoystown, by Westmoreland Classis. He accepted a call in Somerset County to a charge consisting of six congregations with an aggregate membership of 300 souls. In 1862 he became President of Westmoreland College, located at Mt. Pleasant, where he was instrumental in organizing the Mt. Pleasant Charge. Later on he removed his home to Pittsburgh, and in 1870 he was elected Missionary Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Synod. In 1873 he was elected Missionary Superintendent of the Tri-Synod Board of Home Mission. At the expiration of his term of office in 1878, he accepted a call to the Reformed Church at Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he continued his labors as Pastor and with a true missionary spirit was engaged in building up Reformed congregations in the neighboring vicinity. He was elected President of Synod at its late annual session, and attended to the duties of his position with marked ability. He preached his last sermon to his congregation November 11, in apparently good health, from the text: I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. He died on Tuesday following at 2:30 A. M., at his home at Wilkesbarre, at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 28 days. His remains were taken to Reading and service held in Second Reformed Church; Rev. Dr. B. Bausman preached the sermon from the text; Recorded in St. Matthew 24: 45, 46. A brief tribute to his memory in behalf of Synod was delivered by the Stated Clerk. At the

setting of the sun, on a charming November day, his earthly remains were laid to rest in Charles Evans' Cemetery, awaiting a glorious awakening on the day of the resurrection.

Rev. Jno. Heister Leinbach, died August 25, 1895.

John H. Leinbach, a son of Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D.D., was born January 14, 1853, in Reading, Pa. His early literary training was acquired in the Boys High School of his native city. After devoting several years to teaching, he entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1871, and was graduated in 1875.

Three additional years were spent in the Theological Seminary. He was licensed and ordained in 1878, in the Reformed Church at Leesport, by the Classis of Lebanon, as an assistant to his father in supplying the Leesport and Schwartzwald congregations.

In 1881 he became the pastor of Amityville, St. Peter's and Kutztown congregations, where he labored with much success in the ministry. During the later period of his life his health began to fail. Thinking that his condition might be improved by change of location, he was taken by the advice of his physician to Brun-Brae Sanitarium, Clifton Heights, Delaware County, Pa. He died very unexpectedly on Sunday morning, August 25th, of paralysis of the brain, bringing his age to 42 years 8 months and 11 days.

The funeral service was held on Friday, August 30th, in St. Paul's Reformed Church. The sermon was preached by Dr. B. Bausman, from the text recorded in 1 Thess. 3:1-2. The ministry was largely represented on this occasion, also the laity in the churches to which the departed frequently ministered the comforts of the Gospel. The Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church, Kutztown, Pa., were the pall bearers. The body was interred in Charles Evans' Cemetry. Thus, in the vigor of manhood, another of Christ's servants has ended his earthly labors, to await the final culmination of the Kingdom in the resurrection day.

Rev. Geo. Benson Dechant died September 19, 1895.

Geo. B. Dechant was born in Oley Township, Berks Co., Pa., June 24th, 1827. He was a son of Rev. Jacob W. and Mary B. Dechant. He received his elementary education for his life work at Boyertown and New Berlin, Pa. He pursued his theological studies at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and concluded his studies in 1859 at the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa. He was licensed and ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1860 by the Susquehanna Classis, subsequently divided into East and West Susquehanna Classis. He was engaged in the active duties of the Ministry thirty-five years, during which period he served the following charges: Hamilton, Monroe Co., Pa., twelve years; Catawissa Charge fourteen years, and the Numidia Charge up to the end of his life, a period of nine years. He was married September 18, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth C. Gross, who with five children survive to mourn his death. He died at his own home in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pa., on Thursday, September 19th, at the age of 68 years, 2 months and 25 days.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following Report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted, to wit:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee have made a careful study of the reports of the several Classes on the State of Religion and Morals within the bounds of the Synod. We find a general expression of thankfulness, for the peace and prosperity of the past year, and a spirit of hopefulness for the future. We have reason to thank God and take courage.

The reports bear testimony with singular unanimity to the faithful preaching of the Gospel throughout the field. It is evident that our pulpit ministrations are characterized by an earnest presentation of the fundamental truths of our religion, that our brethren stand as the ambassadors of Christ, speaking in His name and in His stead. We are made to feel that among our ministers there is strong faith in the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation; that it is by the so-called foolishness of preaching, that the world is to be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. At the same time some of the reports contain intimations that our pulpits should be more aggressive in rebuking the evils of the times, that they should take a more fearless and firmer stand in resisting the tide of worldly influences which are sweeping in upon the Church with such tremendous force. It is felt that in our preaching there should be more of the fire of the ancient prophets, as well as of the gentleness of Christ,—that we should cry aloud and spare not, that our people should be warned more earnestly to abhor that which is evil, and to cleave to that which is good. As an evidence of the effectiveness of the preaching of the Word, we are glad to report an increase in our membership as compared with last year.

In reference to the observance of the ordinances of our holy religion, we are glad to report that they seem to retain their time-honored, high valuation among our people. In our high regard for these means of grace, we are walking in the footsteps of our fathers and perpetuating the sacred customs of our faith. The sense for the sacramental is strong in our Church. Under its influence, we have been able to grasp, with comfort, and to the renewal of our spiritual life, the import and blessings of the divine mystery. Though this is generally true, it is nevertheless reported that in some portions of the field the sacrament of baptism is not as highly regarded as it should be. It is important that our people should be made to feel that the Reformed Church stands as an exponent of the educational idea of religion, that Christianity offers a fold for children as well as for adults, that it not only covers the needs of the race, but also the needs of every period of life.

Again, there is a general complaint in regard to the disparity

existing between the enrolled and communicant members. This disparity is entirely too great, and should be regarded with anxious concern by the Church. With all our claims to a high regard for the sacraments, we yet feel that this disparity is as a fly in the ointment of our sacramental feeling. It shows that there are many who do not prize the bread of life which cometh down from Heaven. In some Classes this disparity has been changed by the erasure of many names from the Church records. In other Classes other means have been adopted in order to diminish the number on our rolls of those who do not commune. This is a matter which should receive the earnest consideration of those, to whom the spiritual interests of the flock are committed. May we not hope that something will be done to arouse a deeper interest among all our people in this blessed means of grace?

All the reports concur in stating that the time-honored and scriptural practice of catechization has been generally observed. As a result of this interest in religious instruction, there has been a large increase of confirmed members. We must attribute to this practice, the growing distinctive Church spirit among our people. In the catechetical class the foundations of religious belief are laid broad and deep, in the minds and hearts of the catechumens. It is felt that there is need of a stronger denominational feeling as one of the conditions of ardent attachment to the Church. It is a matter of rejoicing that the catechetical system is becoming more effective throughout our bounds.

In the matter of pastoral oversight there is general testimony borne to the effectiveness of this feature of our ministerial work. It is one of the main sources of our strength and influence among the people. When the schoolmaster and minister are abroad in our communities there is reason to feel that their influence for good will be most salutary. Through pastoral visitation we are able to authenticate ourselves most effectively as the servants of Him, who went about doing good to the bodies and souls of men.

We report with great pleasure an increased interest in the Sunday-school work and its growing effectiveness. There has been an increased enrollment of teachers and scholars. Progress has been made in providing our schools with much needed literature, and in their grading and instruction. We rejoice in the more general use of the Bible in our schools, and hope that the time will soon come when there will be more Bibles in the hands of the scholars and fewer lesson leaves. There is a growing feeling that the Sunday-school is one of the most important agencies of our Church. We rejoice that the Home Department is growing in favor, and feel that in proportion as this department prospers it will result in the strengthening of our schools, and of the Church as well. We are confident that the good work so auspiciously begun by the Sunday-school Board, and furthered by our Sunday-school Secretary, has in it the most splendid promise for the future.

The reports bear testimony to the interest, enthusiasm and helpfulness of our young people through the medium of the several organizations which are in operation among us. These agencies should be tenderly nurtured by the Church, and should be commended as giving scope to our young people for entering upon fields of usefulness adapted to their age, experience and ability.

In the matter of benevolence there has been a large decrease as compared with last year. This is due, perhaps, to the fact that special and unusual efforts were made last year in behalf of several enterprises, which received the generous support of the Church. Then again we must remember that we are just emerging from a period of financial distress, which has been felt by all our people in their homes as well as in the churches. And yet, whilst there has been a decrease in the contributions, it is a fact that in the matter of our Home and Foreign Missions and in our educational work there never has been a deeper interest than that which is felt at present.

In the matter of the outward concerns of the Church we note with pleasure an unusual interest in the erection and remodeling of church buildings. This is a good sign.

All the reports unite in complaining of the growing tendency toward the secularization and desecration of the Lord's Day. This is not confined to the large cities and towns, but it covers the whole field. This is a most serious matter, and one to which the Synod should give immediate attention. We need to take a firm stand against the desecration of the day, and to rebuke the customs and practices which mar its sacredness.

In the matter of the habit of members moving from place to place without certificates, there is general and well-founded complaint. Many members are lost to the Church. The floating element, particularly in large cities, is fearfully large. It is felt that Synod should enjoin upon pastors the importance of impressing upon the members the duty of complying with the requirements of the Constitution upon this subject.

We note with a feeling of sadness that Rev. Dr. F. K. Levan, the retiring President of the Synod, Rev. John H. Leinbach and Rev. Geo. B. Dechant have fought the good fight and have finished their course, and it is with a feeling of joy that we think of them as having entered into the heavenly blessedness.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CRAWFORD,

J. W. MABRY, D. U. WOLFF,

WM. H. BUCK, L. C. BERKEMEYER,

NOTE.—By resolution of Synod it was directed that pastors should read this report from their pulpits.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 9, 1895, in the Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth. Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the department of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis. The fund was contributed in loving memory of her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and is to be named "Henry Wirt Alcove."

The Board accepted the gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

At the request of the Faculty of the Seminary, the Board authorized the payment of the following salaries: Librarian, $120 per annum; assistant Librarian, $30 per annum, and Custodian of the Reading Room, $30 per annum, so soon as funds come into his hands for the payment of the running expenses of the Seminary.

The Building Committee of the Theological Seminary reported that they had entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Wolff property, adjoining the Seminary grounds, for the sum of $5,500, on which is erected a two-and-a-half-story brick dwelling house, containing ten rooms, a part of which is to be used by the janitor, the Building Committee agreeing to assume the responsibility of collecting the sum of $2,000—by a canvass of the pastoral charges and asking the Board of Trustees to provide for the balance ($3,500) in accordance with their best judgment.

The Board approved of the purchase of the Wolff property.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 8, 1895.

In the absence of the Secretary, J. H. Stein was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which is herewith enclosed.

President George N. Forney reported favorable progress in looking up the condition of the Kansas investments.

A communication from the professors of the Theological Seminary having been received, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, a letter has been presented to the Board from Drs. Gast, Rupp and Bowman, asking that there be granted to the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods the privilege of building homes for their respective professors.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees commend the request, and ask the three Synods to grant the privilege.

A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman having been read, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Dr. J. C. Bowman has applied to Board of Trustees for the privilege of having a suitable home built on the Seminary grounds for the use of the Potomac Synod's professor. Therefore the following action was adopted:

Resolved, that the Synods be requested to grant the privilege.

The Trustees further recommend: (1) That a building committee be raised, which shall be composed of six members, who shall chose the site (with the approval of the Trustees), secure the design and superintend the construction of the proposed building; that the Pittsburgh Synod appoint one member of the committee, the Eastern Synod two members, and the Potomac Synod three. (2) That should there be any excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings, the same be placed in the hands of the building committee, to be applied to the professor's house.

The following action was adopted relative to the Wolff property:

Resolved, That the purchase of the Wolff property be confirmed by the Board, and that the several Synods approve the action of the Board and make provision for the payment of said property.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 9, 1895.

Account of Treasurer of Theological Seminary to October 1, 1895.

LANCASTER, PA., October 8, 1895.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

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Oct.	1.	For A. A. Fritz, interest on account	$52.50
"	2.	" S. M. Keen, interest to Oct. 1, 1894	75.00
"	6.	" Kieffer legacy, interest to Oct. 1, 1894	237.50
"	18.	" Newton Groff, interest to Oct. 1, 1894	30.00
"	22.	" St. Stephen's Chapel, interest to Oct. 29, 1894	21.00
"	27.	" John F. Bassler, interest to Oct. 1, 1894	16.50
Nov.	9.	" W. Lysinger, interest to May 15, 1894	60.00
"	10.	" E. M. Killough, interest on account	60.00
"	15.	" Henry Keen, interest to Oct. 1, 1894	30.00
"	20.	" St. John's Luth. Ch., interest to Nov. 15, 1894	106.00
Dec.	1.	" Lehigh Valley R. R., interest to Dec. 1, 1894	150.00
"	15.	" Mercersburg Classis, interest to Jan. 1, 1895	15.00
1895.			
March	13.	" East Susquehanna Classis, interest on account	15.00
"	14.	" E. M. Killough, interest to Nov. 1, 1894	15.00

March	22.	For Zion's Classis, interest to April 1, 1895	$23.22
"	28.	" Geo. W. Schroyer, interest to April 1, 1895	150.00
"	29.	" Isaac S. Groff, interest to April 1, 1895	82.50
"	29.	" W. S. Martin, M. D., interest to April 1, 1895	100.00
"	29.	" A. A. Fritz, interest on account	66.00
April	1.	" A. Kunkle, interest to April 1, 1895	38.50
"	1.	" S. J. Johnson, interest to April 1, 1895	60.00
"	1.	" S. M. Keen, interest to April 1, 1895	75.00
"	1.	" H. Westley, interest to April 1, 1895	42.00
"	2.	" W. U. Hensel, interest to April 1, 1895	125.00
"	2.	" Jacob Kunkle, interest to April 1, 1895	123.75
"	2.	" Newton Groff, interest to April 1, 1895	30.00
"	3.	" A. A. Fritz, interest on account	16.50
"	5.	" F. and M. College, interest to April 1, 1895	150.00
"	6.	" Henry Keen, interest to April 1, 1895	30.00
"	8.	" Geo. Gross, agent Kansas property, rental	17.00
"	8.	" A. A. Fritz, interest to April 1, 1895	30.00
"	10.	" Geo. Carbaugh, interest to April 1, 1895	120.00
"	10.	" W. F. Hambright, interest to April 17, 1895	75.00
"	12.	" T. M. Ermantrout, on account	150.00
"	23.	" Kieffer legacy, interest to April 1, 1895	237.50
"	23.	" Cook legacy, interest to Oct. 1, 1895	30.00
"	24.	" J. B. Roth, interest to April 1, 1895	62.50
"	24.	" Lane & Co., interest to April 1, 1895	62.50
"	26.	" T. G. Apple, interest to Jan. 1, 1895	12.00
"	29.	" T. G. Apple, interest to May 1, 1895	4.00
"	29.	" East Penna. Classis, interest to April 1, 1895	15.00
May	2.	" Amos Christ, interest to April 1, 1895	90.00
"	3.	" Cook legacy, interest to March 1, 1895	30.00
"	6.	" Stehman & Jenks, interest to April 1, 1895	43.68
"	6.	" E. S. Stehman, interest to Feb. 3, 1895	30.00
"	9.	" Lehigh Classis, interest to April1, 1895	22.50
"	10.	" Job Robinson, interest to April 25, 1895	18.00
"	21.	" Loan with collateral	100.02
"	23.	" E. M. Killough, on account	60.00
"	27.	" St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin	12.50
June	1.	" Lehigh Valley R. R. bonds to June 1, 1895	150.00
"	13.	" St. John's Lutheran Church bonds to May 15, 1895.	106.00
"	15.	" J. B. Roth, in full	25.35
"	15.	" Isaac G. Simmons, bonds on account	50.00
"	22.	" M. B. Hartman & Co., bonds to June 21, 1895	200.00
"	29.	" John F. Bassler, bonds to April 1, 1895	16.50
July	3.	" Jacob Heyser, bonds on account	100.00
"	9.	" P. M. Ermantrout, bonds to April 1, 1895	121.80
"	8.	" Harrisburg Bridge Co., dividend	2.60
"	11.	" Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., No. 39, dividend	20.00
"	16.	" Loan	15.28
"	19.	" Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., No. 40, dividend	20.00
Sept.	18.	Interest on loan	10.00
"	23.	" Killough mortgage to May 1, 1895	15.00
"	23.	" account Jacob Heyser	90.00
"	25.	" A. A. Fritz mortgage to Oct. 1, 1895	82.50
"	28.	" John Bassler on account	5.50
"	30.	" Geo. W. Schroyer to Oct. 1, 1895	150.00
"	30.	" Kieffer legacy to Oct. 1, 1895	237.50
"	30.	" Samuel M. Keen to Oct. 1, 1895	75.00
Oct.	1.	" Isaac G. Simmons on account	100.00
"	1.	" Henry Keen to Oct. 1, 1895	30.00
"	1.	Amount of Theological Seminary Aid Fund	623.15
			$5,464.33

1895. Oct.	1.	Balance due Treasurer	$2,328.12
			$7,792.45

1894.		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	By balance due Treasurer as per account	$1,127.06
"	11.	" J. A. Smithgall, Janitor on salary	40.00
"	24.	" B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill	137.51
"	24.	" Lancaster Trust Co., Treas. bond	50.00
Nov.	5.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account	200.00
"	5.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account	200.00
"	5.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., on account	200.00
"	5.	" Postage stamps, envelopes and papers	5.00
"	7.	" Lancaster Gas Light Co., bill	2.56
"	15.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account	100.00
"	21.	" C. H. Barr, bill (crayons, etc.)	10.21
"	22.	" J. Smithgall, Janitor, on account	50.00
Dec.	11.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., to Jan. 1, 1895	175.00
"	11.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D , to Jan. 1, 1895	175.00
"	11.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to Jan. 1, 1895	75.00
"	11.	" Electric Light Bill to Dec. 1, 1894	3.88
"	29.	" Reilly Bros. & Raub, bill	3.38
1895. Jan.	4.	" John Best, bill of repairs	3.26
"	5.	" Seminary Ad. in Church Almanac	20.00
"	10.	" Electric Light and freight bill	2.31
"	11.	" James Smithgall, Janitor, on account	30.00
Feb.	4.	" Wickersham Printing Co., bill	4.00
"	4.	" Electric Light Bill	.27
"	4.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account	200.00
"	4.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account	200.00
"	4.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., on account	200.00
"	12.	" James Smithgall, on account	25.00
Mar.	4.	" Electric Light Bill to March 1, 1895	5.80
"	4.	" John Best, bill	.25
"	6.	" B. B. Martin & Co., coal and lumber	74.25
"	6.	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to April 1, 1895	175.00
"	6.	" Thos. G. Apple, to April 1, 1895	175.00
"	6.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., to April 1, 1895	175.00
"	9.	" Postage stamps, E. V. G., for catalogues	9.00
"	13.	" James Smithgall, on account	30.00
"	14.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill	16.88
"	29.	" J. B. Roth, Treas., on salary account	100.00
April	2.	" James Smithgall, on account	60.00
"	2.	" Electric Light bill	2.30
"	2.	" New Era Printing Co., bill	59.17
"	5.	" Kirk Johnson's bill	1.50
"	18.	" Electric Light, bill of repairs	26.65
"	19.	" John H. Calvin, attorney, Kansas	3.00
"	23.	" B. B. Martin & Co., bill of coal	42.75
"	24.	" Pittsb'g Prof. Fund, int. paid to April 1, 1895	105.58
"	24.	" Int. paid on Smaltz Fund to April 1, 1895	125.00
"	26.	" James Smithgall, on account	40.00
"	29.	" Recording deed of Becker property	2.90
May	1.	By Rhetoric P. F. interest paid to May 1, 1895	8.00
"	1.	" Church History interest paid to May 1, 1895	100.00
"	2.	" Electric Light Bill to May 1, 1895	1.40
"	6.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account	200.00

May	6.	By E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account	$200.00	
"	6.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., on account	200.00	
"	7.	" Jas. Smithgall, to April 1, 1895	7.50	
"	17.	" Seminary Ad. in Oriflamme 1895	9.00	
June	1.	" Jas. Smithgall on account	35.00	
"	1.	" Electric Light bill to June 1, 1895	2.20	
"	8.	" Miss M. Morgan, elocution	200.00	
"	13.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to July 1, 1895 . .	175.00	
"	13.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to July 1, 1895 . .	175.00	
"	13.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., to July 1, 1895	175.00	
"	19.	" Wickersham Printing Co. bill	4.00	
"	20.	" B. B. Martin & Co. bill	10.45	
July	1.	" Insurance on Becker property	15.88	
"	9.	" Electric Light bill to July 1, 1895	1.00	
"	22.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on account	200.00	
"	22.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account . . .	200.00	
"	22.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., on account	200.00	
"	26.	" Jas. Smithgall, on account	35.00	
Sept.	2.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to Oct. 1, 1895 . .	175.00	
"	2.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to Oct. 1, 1895 . .	175.00	
"	2.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., to Oct. 1, 1895	175.00	
"	2.	" J. B. Roth, Treasurer, on account, salary	50.00	
"	9.	" Electric Light bill to Sept. 1, 1895	2.00	
"	10.	" Smeltz Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1895	125.00	
"	10.	" Klopp legacy interest paid to Oct. 1, 1895	40.00	
"	10.	" Library Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1895	65.99	
"	10.	" Sacred Rhetoric interest paid to Oct. 1, 1895	4.98	
"	10.	" Sacred History Fund interest, Oct. 1, 1895	50.00	
"	10.	" Pittsburgh Prof. Fund interest, Oct. 1, 1895	105.58	
"	10.	" W. U. Hensel, attorney, prof. services . .	50.00	
"	10.	" Jacob Forney Alcove Fund, Oct. 1, 1895 .	50.00	
"	14.	" Jas. Smithgall, on account as janitor . .	100.00	
				$7,792.45
Oct.	1.	Amount Dr. brought over		5,464.33
"	1.	Balance due treasurer		$2,328.12

The deficiency in the current expense account of the Theological Seminary is not what it really seems to be. If all interests due from April 1, 1895, to October 1, 1895, were paid in, the deficiency would be reduced about one-half the amount.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 1, 1895.

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

1894.				
Oct.	5.	For amount paid by Potomac Synod to Oct. 1, 1894 . .		$75.00
"	6.	" " " Schuylkill Classis, Elocution . . .		13.00
1895.				
May	6.	" " " Goshenhoppen Classis, Elocution .		9.00
"	9.	" " " Lehigh Classis, Elocution		14.00
"	9.	" " " East Penna. Classis, Elocution . .		12.00
"	11.	" " " A. J. Heller Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod for Elocution	40.00	

May	11.	For amount paid by A. J. Heller, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod for current experience . .	$100.00	
"	11.	" " " First Ch., Greensburg .	4.05	$144.05
"	27.	" " " E. Penna. Classis, current expenses		60.00
"	27.	" " " E. Susquehanna Classis, Elocution		4.10
June	8.	" " " Juniata Classis, Elocution	$13.00	
"	8.	" " " Juniata Classis, current expenses	60.00	$73.00
"	29.	" " " Tohickon Classis, Elocution . . .		9.00
Sept.	12.	" " " A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod for balance due by P. S. on apportionment for Elocution for 1894 and 1895	$110.00	
"	12.	" " " Pittsburgh Synod for current expense of Theological Seminary . . .	100.00	$210.00
		Charged in current expense account		$623.15

Smaltz Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1894.		DR.		
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund	$5,000.00	
1895.		DR.		
April	1.	For interest due on same to April 1, 1895 . .	$125.00	
Sept.	10.	" " " " Oct. 1, 1895 . . .	125.00	$250.00
1895.		CR.		
April	24.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treas. .	$125.00	
Sept.	10.	" " " " " " "	125.00	$250.00

The William A. Wilt Fund.

Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund is	$833.33

Interest on same account for current expense account of Theological Seminary to October 1, 1895.

Library Fund Account of Theological Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1894.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund is	$1,819.96
"	1.	For balance due per account received	$49.53
"	5.	" interest paid by John Miley, Esq., ...	50.00
1895.			
May	8.	" " " " " "	50.00
Sept.	10.	" " " on $1319.96 to Oct. 1, 1895	65.99
			$215.52

1894.		Cr.		
Dec.	14.	By amount paid Christian Literature	$2.00	
"	14.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	7.30	
1895.				
Mar.	22.	" " " Christian Literature	2.00	
May	2.	" " " " "	2.00	13.30
		Balance due Oct. 1, 1895		$202.22

Prize Fund in Sacred Church History.

1895.				
May	1.	Principal of Fund is		$2,000.75
"	1.	For amount balance due Fund to date . .	$122.00	
Oct.	1.	For interest due to date	50.00	$172.00
1895.		Cr.		
May	9.	By prize paid Theo. F. Hermann	$100.00	
		By sundry expenses paid	2.05	$102.05
Oct.	1.	Amount balance due Fund		$69.95

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1894.				
		Amount of Fund is		$239.00
May	7.	Principal of Fund was	$160.00	
1895.				
May	9.	Received of W. M. Irvine the sum of	79.00	$239.00
1894.		Dr.		
May	7.	For amount due Fund as per ac't rec'd . . .		$0.66
1895.				
May	7.	" interest on $160 to date		8.00
"	9.	" cash from W. H. Irvine		7.00
Oct.	1.	" interest on $239 to date		4.98
				$20.64
1895.		Cr.		
May	9.	By prize paid	$15.00	
		By expenses	.50	$15.50
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund		$5.14

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund Account.

John B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

1894.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	To amount of fund in Treasurer's hands	$4,223.19
"	19.	" R. S. Jamison's note receipted for	10,860.00
"	19.	" Wm. Rupp's note receipted for	800.00
"	19.	" Clarion Classis note receipted for	800.00
1895.			
March	20.	" W. R. Barnhart's check receipted to make the Jamison note $11,000	140.00
			$16,823.19
1895.		Dr.	
Jan.	3.	For interest rec'd of W. R. Barnhart to Jan. 1, 1895 . .	$135.00
"	3.	" " on Wm. Rupp's note to Jan. 1, 1895 .	12.00

March	20.	For interest rec'd of W. R. Barnhart, March 6, 1895 . .	$102.55
"	30.	" " " W. R. Barnhart, April 1, 1895 . . .	114.00
April	24.	" " " J. B. Roth, Treas., April 1, 1895 . .	105.58
June	1.	" " " W. R. Barnhart, April 1, 1895 . . .	82.50
"	13.	" " " W. R. Barnhart, April 1, 1895 . . .	60.00
Sept.	10.	" " " J. B. Roth, Treas., Oct. 1, 1895 . .	105.58
			$717.21

1895. CR.

Jan.	3.	By cash paid Wm. Rupp, D. D.	$147.00	
April	6.	" " " "	216.55	
"	24.	" " " "	105.58	
June	1.	" " " "	82.50	
"	13.	" " " "	60.00	
Sept.	10.	" " " "	105.58	
Oct.	1.	Total		$717.21

Received Lancaster, July 1, 1895, of Rev. J. C. Bowman in trust for Seminary Alcove Endowment the sum of $700.00.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Theological Building Fund Account.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

1894. DR.

Oct.	1.	For balance in hands of Treasurer	$250.59
1895.			
Sept.	1.	Received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer, from Oct. 1, 1894, to date	8,824.03
			$9,074.62

1895. CR.

Sept.	10.	By sundry bills, per order of Rev. J. C. Bowman, Chairman Building Committee, as per voucher	9,023.15
		Balance in hand of Treasurer	$51.47

Jacob Forney Fund for Alcove in Seminary Library.

1884.			
Oct.	4.	Amount of Fund is	$1,000.00
		For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1895	$50.00

The Henry Wirt Fund for Alcove in Seminary Library.

1895.			
March	29.	For amount principal of Fund	$1,000.00

Theological Seminary Class of 1894, for endowment of an alcove in Seminary Library, have placed in hands of Treasurer sundry notes maturing from July 1, 1895, to July 1, 1904, amounting to $981.00, on which the sum of $46.00 has been paid. JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

John L. Riegel Fund.

1894.			
Oct.	1.	The sum total of obligations placed in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary, none bearing interest until paid, is	$15,680.00

1895.	Cr.		
Aug. 16.	By cash received for note due July 20, 1895		3,920.00
			$11,760.00
	Note due July 20, 1896	$3,920.00	
	" " July 20, 1897	3,920.00	
	" " July 20, 1898	3,920.00	
			11,760.00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Statement of Funds.

John Riegel Fund	$15,680.00
Endowment Fund	94,418.69
Smaltz Fund	5,000.00
Library Fund	1,819.96
Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	16,823.19
Church History Fund	2,000.75
Sacred Rhetoric Fund	239.00
Wm. A. Wilt Fund	833.33
Jacob Forney Fund, Library Alcove	1,000.00
Henry Wirt Fund, Library Alcove	1,000.00
Rev. J. C. Bowman, Trustee Library Alcove	700.00
Seminary Class of 1894	981.00
	$140,495.92

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 8, 1895.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
EDGAR SLAGLE,
Committee.

LANCASTER, PA., October 8, 1895.

The Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Eastern Synod:

REVEREND BRETHREN: The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1894–1895:

The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1894: John Franklin Bair, John Love Barnhart, Theodore P. Bolliger, William H. Brong, Charles A. Bushong, Preston A. DeLong, Thomas Wilson Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, William Glase Gerhard, Daniel G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzel, Mabry L. Herbein, Theodore C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressly, E. Douglas Lantz, John A. Leuzinger, R. Franklin Main, James M. Mullan, Albert F. Nace, Curtin L. Oswald, Carl Whitmer Plank, Amos Oliver Reiter, James Rauch Stein, Martin Weidman Schweitzer, and Adolphus Walker—twenty-seven in number. Of these eighteen were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, two of Calvin College, Cleveland, O.; three came from

normal schools, of whom two are graduates, and one, Curtin L. Oswald, an ordained minister in the United Evangelical Church, who had received a preliminary training in the Schuylkill Seminary. Mr. Brong was readmitted to the Junior Class, having been prevented from pursuing his studies by ill health during the previous year.

The *Middle Class* consists of the students admitted to the Junior Class last year, with the exception of Mr. Brong, eighteen in number.

The members of the Senior Class were as follows: Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, Harry W Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegas, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. Leinbach, William A. Mader, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Henry H. Ranck, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerny Weber and Harry W. Wissler—nineteen in number. Having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, they were awarded the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last.

In accordance with the action of the Board at its annual meeting in 1894, the Faculty established a *post-graduate* course of studies, of which several former students took advantage, and a number of others expect to do so in the future. It is still tentative, and may receive such modifications and improvements from year to year as may be deemed advisable. See Catalogue of the Seminary, 1894–1895.

From the average grades of the students, presented by the Faculty, it appears that there were comparatively few whose standing was less than 4.5, denoting perfection. The Seniors were all above 4, one as high as 4.86, and, in the Middle Class, one as high as 4.85. The conduct of the students, as it regards industry, good order and Christian morality, was satisfactory and commendable.

During the year the instruction in elocution, under Miss Morgan, was satisfactory, and the Board recommends to the three Synods to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the amount hitherto paid to meet the necessary expenses, $100 being allotted to the Synod of the East. In regard to a female instructor, the Board reaffirmed its judgment of the previous year, that it would be preferable to employ a male teacher, if satisfactory arrangements could be made to secure that object.

The Faculty, having given it as their judgment that the active membership of Theological students in *Glee and Athletic Clubs* has interfered with their studies in the Seminary, the Board referred the matter to a committee, whose report instructing the Faculty not to allow students hereafter to connect themselves with such clubs was unanimously adopted by the Board. According to the report, the Board does not condemn or discountenance the legitimate exercises of the gymnasium, or the healthful athletics of the

open field. On the contrary, it recognizes their advantage in the way of physical culture, in the promotion of a sound mind in a sound body. The members of the Board, therefore, approve of the home club and the home team, and are disposed to encourage all judicious exercise among the students themselves. Nor do they wish to restrict the students of the Seminary from participating with undergraduates of the College in the functions of the clubs referred to, in so far as they may be limited in their performance to the home field.

"But in view of the waste of precious time and of the consequent neglect of the solemn work of preparation for the Gospel ministry, and in view of the sad dissipation of energies which should be consecrated to the upbuilding of that religious character so essential to a successful minister, which necessarily follow from prolonged absence from the Seminary, in the acceptance of challenges from distant clubs, the Board enjoined it upon the Faculty to forbid, without qualification or exception, the students from either accompanying the Glee Club to give concerts abroad, or to join in contests with either baseball or football teams, which may necessitate their absence from the institution. The Board, moreover, wished to place upon record its unqualified disapproval of the practice of betting, and the increasing tendency to magnify financial gains accruing from guarantees and gate receipts, together with other demoralizing influences inseparable from modern inter-collegiate-athletics; and adjudges them as altogether unbecoming the authorities and students of any Christian institution."

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties in supervising the spiritual interests of our school of the prophets, and it is now our privilege once more to report that the blessing of Almighty God continues to rest upon it as in times past. The number of candidates for the holy ministry has been increasing from year to year; the corps of instructors has been enlarged; and the new building for the use of the Seminary, with the spacious grounds around, now very much beautified, is all that could be desired, and presents an attractive and interesting appearance. For all this, we as a Church, are called upon to give thanks to God, the great Creator of all things, who, through His Son our Lord and Savior, the Head of the Church, is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., October, 1895.

Report of Treasurer of the Board of Education, Eastern Synod, 1894-95.

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in Account with CHAS. G. FISHER, *Treasurer, 1894,95.*

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By balance in the treasury $642.2

By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of East Pennsylvania Classis	310.00
" " " " M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis . .	1025.00
" " " I. G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis	238.71
" " " J. B. Roth, Treas. of Theol. Sem. Int. per Smaltz Fund	250.00
" " " " " " " " " " " Klopp Legacy	40.00
" " " J. J. Nissley, Treas. of Eastern Synod Int. per Gerhart Legacy	6.00
By cash per J. W. Wetzel, Esq., Int. from Braught Fund	160.00
" " " C. A. Shultz, Treas. Zion's Classis per Trinity Church, York, Pa.	150.00
By cash per Interest from loans	406.34
" " " J. K. Funck, Treas. St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	135.00
" " " Dr. E. I. Santee, Treas. Christ Church, Phila. Pa. .	34.20
" " " note discounted, ...	250.00
Total	$3647.53

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To cash paid to beneficiaries of East Pennsylvania Classis	$310.00
" " " " " " Tohickon Classis	238.71
" " " " " " Lehigh Classis	1025.00
" " " " " " General Fund	575.00
" " " " " " Smaltz Fund	300.00
" " " " " " Braught Fund	150.00
" " " " Beneficiary " Trinity Church, York, Pa. . . .	150.00
" " " " " " St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.	135.00
" " " on note	100.00
" " " Secretary, salary	20.00
" " " discount on note	3.79
" " " expenses to Lancaster, Pa.	3.56
Balance in the treasury	636.47
Total	$3647.53

I hereby testify that I have examined the above report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, comparing it with the vouchers, and that I have found it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 12th, 1895.

Report on Canvass for Seminary Building.

To the Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN. Your committee having in charge the canvass of this Synod in the interest of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, begs leave to report as follows:

Since our last report the names of Chas. A. Meck and wife Priscilla, have been added to the list of contributors to the Library Building. We take pleasure also in stating that Thos. P., Mary E. and Edwin O. Stahl, of the Paradise Charge, Wyoming Classis, have furnished the Reading Room as a memorial to their father, George Stahl.

During the past Synodical year 18 congregations have been canvassed, and moneys have been received and credited to the different Classes in the following amounts:

Lehigh	$ 815.46
Schuylkill	4,572.92
Wyoming	202.05
East Pennsylvania	160.00
Lebanon	650.55
Philadelphia	381.25
West Susquehanna	688.15
Lancaster	746.00
Goshenhoppen	1,294.75
East Susquehanna	374.00
Tohickon	417.00
Sundry other sources	407.99
Total	$10,710.12

Several congregations are being canvassed this month. When this is done the work of your committee will be finished. When the subscriptions are paid, the full cost of grounds, buildings and equipment will be covered.

Your committee wishes to acknowledge their appreciation of the help they have received from the pastors of this Synod. With few exceptions they have opened their fields to the committee, encouraged their people to contribute liberally, assisted in the work of securing subscriptions and given freely of their own means. Without their coöperation the labor of your committee would have been in vain. They have led their people to prove themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Synod. For let it be remembered that with all our legislation and visitation the people have done this work. And we feel sure that in giving them grace to make these offerings for the Seminary the Lord has already rewarded them. If there is any regret, it must be on the part of those who have not been privileged to claim their share in this blessing.

We wish also to congratulate the Synod on the practical conclusion of this movement. The endowment of the two new professorships, the completion of a third, and the erection of the Seminary Building and Library, mark an interesting period in the history not only of the Seminary but of the Church. It disproves much that has been said and implied as to the liberality of our people, and promises yet better things for the future. It is especially gratifying to the whole Church that this Synod has done herself the honor to contribute so largely to the successful conclusion of this whole movement. CYRUS J. MUSSER, *Supt.*

Report of the Theological Seminary Building Committee.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee to whom was entrusted the work of superintending the construction of the Seminary Buildings at Lancaster, Pa., beg leave to report as follows:

Cash on hand October 17, 1895	$279.50
Received from the Canvass of Charges during the year	10,710.12
	$10,989.62

Of this amount there has been paid to Synodical Treasurer, J. J. Nissley, as per vouchers	$6,154.58
To cancel loans, with interest	4,478.20
Total amount paid out	$10,632.78
Leaving a balance on hand	356.84
During the year bills have been paid to contractors, architect, for furniture and sundry expenses, the sum of	$6,697.58
Amount reported last year	77,965.74
Total cost to date, including grounds and all donations	$84,663.32
As the Trustees during the year purchased the Wolff property, adjoining the Seminary grounds, on which there is a suitable home for the Janitor, your Committee have agreed to contribute toward the payment of the Wolff property $2,000, instead of expending same amount for a new house	2,000.00
Other expenses for interests and sundry bills will probably amount to	500.00
* Making the sum total cost	$87,163.32
Amount received to date from canvass and loans	80,849.06
Leaving an unpaid balance	$6,314.26

This amount will be more than covered if the subscriptions which are due, and are coming due from the various charges, be paid, and if the few charges which remain to be canvassed contribute their just part.

It is with feelings of profound gratitude and joy that your committee report that their work is completed, and that the entire cost of the new buildings is virtually provided for.

We do hereby commit these buildings to the care of the three Synods as joint owners of the same, praying that the completion of this most needful and worthy project may mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity both for the Seminary and the Church which it represents.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,

J. C. Bowman, *Chairman*, Geo. N. Forney,
John D. Skiles, J. B. Fricker,
S. N. Hench, B. Wolff, Jr.

We, the committee appointed to audit the above report, have carefully examined all accounts with vouchers and found the same correct.

J. H. Stein,
LANCASTER PA., October 8, 1895. Cyrus J. Musser.

Report on Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: In behalf of Franklin and Marshall College the following report of its present condition and its operations during the past year is respectively presented:

The graduating class consisted of twenty-seven young gentle-

* This does not include the current expense fund contributed by Mr. John L. Riegel, dec'd., $15,680, and the Library alcove endowments $3,000, which would raise the total amount received from all sources to more than $105,000.

men, all of whom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At the same time the degree of Master of Arts in course was conferred upon twelve graduates of the College. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Revs. John W. Love, of Kansas City, Mo.; F. R. Schwedes, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Ellis N. Kremer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; James T. Satchell, of Lancaster, Pa., and Masayoshi Oshikawa, of Sendai, Japan. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the Hon. John W. Simonton, of Harrisburg, Pa.

The enrollment of students during the past year was very large, numbering 171 in the College alone, distributed as follows: Graduate students, two; Seniors, twenty-eight; Juniors, thirty-six; Sophomores, forty-three; Freshmen, fifty-seven; special students, five. The number in actual attendance at any one time was 154: Two graduate students, twenty-seven Seniors, twenty-eight Juniors, thirty-six Sophomores, fifty-seven Freshmen and four special students. At the opening of the present year a large number of new students applied for admission, and of these there were entered upon the roll one Junior, eleven Sophomores and forty-one Freshmen. The number in actual attendance at the present time is 156, a slight increase over the number of last year.

It is gratifying to report that in every respect the work of the College was carried forward with the most satisfactory results. The rapid increase of the number of the students entailed a great deal of additional labor upon the professors and instructors, but it is believed that the instruction has been thorough and the work done successful and meritorious. The exceptionally large number of students in the Sophomore Class at the beginning of the present year necessitated the dividing of this class into sections, thus doubling, and in some cases trebling, the number of hours of instruction. To meet the growing wants of the College in this respect it was felt that additional teachers were necessary, and accordingly provision was made by the Board of Trustees for the employment of two more professors. The services of Profs. C. Nevin Heller and John M. Grove have been secured and they have entered upon the discharge of their duties; the former as assistant professor of Ancient Languages, and the latter as assistant professor of Natural Science. It is believed that with the help thus afforded the instruction given in the different departments will be more thorough and effective during the coming year than ever before.

The grounds and buildings have been materially improved within the past few years. The trees on the campus had grown to such an extent as to shut out the light and kill the grass in front of the College building. It was found necessary to remove some of these trees in order to let in the light, and there is now a beautiful growth of grass. The trees themselves are improved in their appearance, and the campus is one of the most beautiful and attractive spots in the eastern part of the State. Electric light

has been introduced into the Chapel and Gymnasium, and the steam heating apparatus introduced some time ago gives very good satisfaction, so that the students and professors enjoy a much greater degree of comfort than formerly.

The finances of the College have been successfully administered, but owing to the increased expenditure for professors' salaries and the improvements in the buildings, the outlay of money has exceeded the income by about $2,500. The endowment fund at the present time, striking off all obligations of doubtful value, and not including the Wilhelm estate, is $169,000. It is evident that to meet the present demands upon our financial resources, and to provide adequately for the wants of the future, a large increase of the endowment of the College is imperatively necessary. For this reason the Board of Trustees have adopted a plan for the better endowment of the College, involving the organization and maintenance of a Savings and Loan Association. The preliminary arrangements are very nearly completed, and it is hoped that in a short time those entrusted with its management will be ready to begin operations. As a send-off in this movement the members of the Board of Trustees and a few friends among themselves at the last commencement raised a little more than $25,000, and made this amount immediately available for the use of the College.

It will thus be seen that the College of which you have joint control with the two other Synods, your own child calls for assistance for the twofold reason that the educational demands of the present day and the increased number of students alike require a larger Faculty and a better equipment in order that our system of education, of which we are justly proud, may be maintained in spirit and improved in method and completeness, so as to equal in all respects the best in the land. The very prosperity of the College calls for earnest effort in its behalf; the improvement in business now so plainly manifest shows that the opportunity is ripe; the generous interest manifest in gifts already secured or in prospect inspires hope and confidence in ultimate success, and your warm affection for the College in the past leads to the firm belief that you will enter, in due time, with ready zeal into the work of caring for the institution with whose past history you have been so closely connected and upon whose prosperity the welfare of the Church so largely depends.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

II. Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College.

The Report of Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College was presented on Saturday, acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to submit the following report:

The papers that came into our hands were (1) the report of the Board of Visitors; (2) the report of the Board of Trustees; (3) the resignation of Chas. Santee as a member of the Board of Trustees; (4) a letter from the President of the Board of Trustees in reference to making provision for the deficiency in the running expenses of the Seminary; (5) report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod; (6) the report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of the institution; (7) report of the Canvassing Committee; (8) report of the Building Committee of the Theological Seminary.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors, we learn that 27 young men entered the Junior Class at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1894; that the Middle Class numbered 18 members; that the Senior Class, consisting of 19 members, having finished the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were awarded the usual testimonials at the Anniversary of the Seminary in last May. There were, therefore, 64 students in the Seminary during the year, and we are gratified that the average grade of nearly all the students was so creditable. The Synod is requested to pay $100 of the salary of the Teacher of Elocution, and $600 toward the contingent expenses of the Seminary. The Board of Visitors and the Faculty of the Seminary have taken decided action in reference to students joining baseball, football and glee clubs, with a view of taking tours through the country to exhibit their skill in physical and vocal culture, on the ground that it is not conducive to the best interests of the students in their preparation for the solemn duties and responsibilities of the Gospel Ministry.

2. The Board of Trustees held two meetings during the year. At the first meeting a check of $1,000 was received from Mrs. Louise Wirt, of Hanover, Pa, for the endowment of an alcove in the Library building, the interest of which is to be expended for the department of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis. The fund was contributed in loving memory of her husband, and is to be named "the Henry Wirt Alcove." At the same meeting the Board ratified the action of the Building Committee in the purchase of the Wolff property. At the second meeting, the Board took action looking toward securing money for the erection of houses for the Synodical professors, requesting Synod to unite with the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac in granting the privilege of building said houses on the Seminary ground, and that this Synod appoint two members of the committee needed to entrust the erection of the house for the professor of the Potomac Synod professorship.

3. From the report of the Treasurer we learn: 1, That on October 8, 1895, there was due the Treasurer a balance of $2328.12; 2, There are funds in his hands to the amount of $140,495.92, of which $15,680 is the John Riegel fund; $94,418.69 is the endow-

ment fund; $5,000 the Smaltz fund; $1,819.96 is the Library fund; $16,823.19 is Pittsburgh Synod Professorship fund; $2,000.75 is Church History fund; $239 Sacred Rhetoric fund; $833.33 William A. Wilt fund; $1,000 Jacob Forney fund (Library Alcove); $1,000 Henry Wirt fund (Library Alcove); $700 J. C. Bowman fund in trust (Library Alcove); $981 Seminary Class of '94 fund (Library Alcove).

4. Report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod shows that $3,647.53 were raised for the purpose of beneficiary education, and that $3,011.06 were expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of $636.47.

5. The report of the Canvassing Committee of this Synod in the interests of the Theological Seminary building for the past year, practically bringing to a close the work of the committee, indicates that the sum of $10,710.12 were collected, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Meck contributed toward the Library Building, and that Thomas P., Mary E. and Edwin Stahl, of the Paradise Charge, Wyoming Classis, have furnished the reading room as a memorial to their father George Stahl.

6. The report of the Building Committee of the Theological Seminary brings officially to the attention of the Synod that their work has been brought to a successful completion, and that the entire cost of the building has been virtually provided for.

7. The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College shows that this institution is in a prosperous condition; that the last graduating class numbered 27 young gentlemen, all of whom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; that at the opening of the present year the number of students were larger than ever before; that while the College is well equipped for its work and its future prospects bright and promising, yet there is urgent need of larger endowment and more ample equipment, that it may be much more fully prepared to meet the demands of the age, and fulfill in a deeper, broader way the great mission which lies before it as the leading institution of the Reformed Church. The plan, therefore, adopted by the Board of Trustees looking toward the accomplishment of the end is wise and well-timed.

In view of all these facts your committee would recommend the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1. That Synod assume $100 toward the payment of the salary of the teacher of elocution, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee for apportionment upon the different Classes.

Resolved, 2. That Synod assume the $600 required to meet the contingent expenses of the Seminary, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to apportion the same upon the Classes.

Resolved, 3. That Synod is pleased to hear that Mrs. Louisa Wirt has endowed an alcove in the Library which is to contain books on New Testament Introduction and Exegesis, and her generous act is hereby commended as an example worthy to be imitated by others.

Resolved, 4. That Synod is also rejoiced to be informed that the names of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Meck of Schuylkill Haven have been added to the list of contributors to the Library Building, and that Thomas P., Mary E. and Edwin O. Stahl have furnished the Reading Room, and it is hoped that their liberal donations may stimulate others in giving of their abundance toward worthy objects of benevolence.

Resolved, 5. That Synod hereby approves the action of the Board of Trustees in the purchase of the Wolff property for the purpose named in its report.

Resolved, 6. That Synod approves the action of the Board of Trustees, looking toward the securing of homes for the Synodical professors; that it grants the privilege of building the same on the Seminary ground; that Synod hereby appoints two members of the Committee, namely, J. B. Fricker and John D. Skiles, to coöperate with the three members of the Potomac Synod and the one from the Pittsburgh Synod, in selecting a site for the house for the Potomac Synod and in superintending the construction of the said house, and further that should there be an excess of funds, resulting from the canvass for the Seminary building, they may be placed in the hands of the Building Committee and applied to the payment of the expense of the said professor's house.

Resolved, 7. That Synod heartily commends the Board of Visitors and Faculty of the Seminary for the wisdom displayed in the position taken by them in reference to baseball, football and glee clubs, and further that Synod sincerely believes that their action was prompted by the spirit of the blessed Master, and cannot fail to result in the best interests of the Church in general and of the students in particular.

Resolved, 8. That Synod rejoices to learn that the Canvassing Committee for the Seminary building has practically completed its work, and is grateful to the Giver of all good for having crowned its labors with such brilliant success.

Resolved, 9. That Synod is highly gratified to learn that the School of the Prophets has been provided with such a beautiful, attractive and comfortable home, that it is well adapted for the purpose to which it has been consecrated, and that Synod realizes that there is reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church for granting this great blessing to our Reformed Zion.

Resolved, 10. That the resignation of Elder Chas. Santee from the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be hereby accepted, and further that Synod takes great satisfaction in putting on record its appreciation of his efficient service, wise counsel, and generous support during his connection with the Board. The committee would recommend Elder J. Y. Dietz as a suitable person to be elected to fulfill the vacancy.

Resolved, 11. That it is with great pleasure that we hear of the prosperous condition of Franklin and Marshall College; that we hereby heartily recommend it to the patronage and support of our

people; that we approve the plan adopted by the Board of Trustees to increase its endowment, and in order that we may as a Synod encourage the said Board in its laudable efforts looking toward the betterment of the College we would hereby recommend that a committee of one from each Classis be appointed to assist the Board in the execution of the plan proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, *Chairman.*

The resignation of Elder Chas. Santee as a Trustee of the Theological Seminary was accepted and the thanks of Synod were tendered to him for his years of faithful service. Elder Jacob Y. Dietz was elected to fill the vacancy.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., Chosen 1894

Eastern Synod.—Elders John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Jacob Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa., *for six years;* Elders John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa., *for four years;* Elders Geo. G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa., *for two years.*

Potomac Synod.—Elders Geo. N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa., *for six years;* H. Wirt Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md., *for four years;* Israel Loucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa., *for two years.*

Pittsburgh Synod.—Elders Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa.; P. Heil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, Chosen 1894.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; Jno. Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa., *for four years;* Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa., *for two years.*

Potomac Synod.—Revs. J. Spangler, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; Conrad Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md., *for four years;* Revs. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Jacob O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa., *for two years.*

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Albert E. Truxal, D. D., Manor Station, Pa.; Andrew J. Heller, D. D., Berlin, Pa.

The following Committee on College Endowment called for in the aforesaid report consists of the following members: Revs. T. O. Stem, East Pennsylvania Classis; Thos. M. Yundt, Lebanon Classis; C. J. Musser, Philadelphia Classis; D. W. Gerhard, Lancaster Classis; Chas. B. Schneder, East Suequehanna Classis; A. A. Black, West Susquehanna Classis; Geo. B. Walbert, Goshenhoppen Classis; J. G. Dengler, Tohicken Classis; Chas. E.

Schaeffer, Lehigh Classis; A. R. Bartholomew, Schuylkill Classis; J. B. Kershner, Wyoming Classis; John W. Steinmetz, Reading Classis.

Chas. Santee, of Philadelphia, Pa., and John D. Skiles, of Lancaster, Pa., were elected as members of Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for a term of ten years.

Report on Overture from Pittsburgh Synod.

The 10th item in Report of Overtures having reference to a communication from Pittsburgh Synod was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. L. K. Evans, J. G. Noss and Elder S. P. Heilman, who presented on Saturday the following report which was adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your committee to whom was referred certain resolutions passed by the Synod of Pittsburgh, asking this Synod and the Synod of the Potomac to coöperate in reference to certain matters pertaining to the interests of our Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., would respectfully report the following:

The overture contains two resolutions: 1. That it is the judgment of the Synod of Pittsburgh that the professors of our Seminary ought to receive equal salaries. 2. An overture to this Synod to appoint a committee of three to act in conjunction with similar committees from the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac, for the purpose of selecting sites for houses for the professors in the Seminary.

In reference to the first resolution pertaining to the equalizing of the salaries of our professors in our Theological Seminary, your committee would suggest, that while we appreciate the suggestion and recognize the justice of the request, yet this Synod does not deem itself competent at this time to take any definite action, beyond recommending this, viz: that the necessity for increasing the General Endowment Fund by which means the professors' salaries could be best increased be commended, through our pastors to our liberal-minded Church members.

In reference to the *second* resolution in the overture, the Committee on the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College have already recommended the best adjustment of this particular matter, and which meets the approval of this your special committee. Respectfully submitted,

L. KRYDER EVANS.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, from April 1st, 1894, to April, 1st, 1895.

To the English Classes and Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: It has been the custom of the General Board of Missions, heretofore, to prepare its annual report in time for the annual meetings of the Synods. The report was usually dated on September 1st, and made its first appearance at the meetings of the Synods and asked for official notice and action before these bodies. It has been felt, however, that in this way the work of the Board does not come before the people in the general way that its importance merits. Our people should be well acquainted with the needs and work of the Board. The elders of the Church especially should be well informed on the work of the Home Board; and for this reason it was deemed best to issue the annual report on April 1st of each year, and so have it ready for distribution at the annual meetings of the Classes. Accordingly the report has been prepared and appears before you, brethren of the Classes and Synods, for your official action. The Board is aware of the fact that the Classes must take action upon that which comes down to them from the Synods; and therefore in this report the Board calls the attention of the Classes to the action of the Synods, and lays before them such information as should be furnished the Church. This report, coming out so early in the year, must of necessity cover some ground that was covered by last year's report, but this will be avoided after the present year.

The past year has been one of prosperity so far as the missions themselves are concerned. For this we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church. Financially the year has been a hard one, but no year did the missions make greater progress than during the past one. Some of the missions have a decidedly better outlook now than a year ago, while nearly all have been making commendable progress. To keep the financial credit of the Board on a good basis has taxed the energy of every member, and we are pained to say that at the time of making out this report the Board is financially in a worse condition than for years. It is true also that the continual strain to which the Board has been subject during the year cannot long continue without great harm to the work. The Treasurer reports that he is more than a quarter short in his payments, and that time and again he was compelled to advance money in order to pay the salaries of the missionaries. On April 1st we should have at least $8,000 in the treasury with which to pay the missionaries for the quarter ending March 31st, 1895; but instead, we owe the

Treasurer a small sum on the quarter ending December 31st, 1894. It is true that during the ensuing quarter, when all the Classes meet, a large sum of money will be paid into the treasury, but that sum will be required to pay the amount due on April 1st, 1895. That will give us an empty treasury with which to carry on the work during the dull summer months. It is well that the Classes at their ensuing meetings take this matter into serious consideration and determine what shall be done. Brethren, the work is yours, and it is for you to say what progress the work shall make in this country. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, many appeals have been coming to the Board asking that new work be undertaken. New fields are opening up for the Church to enter. The Master is calling upon us to go into his harvest field. A rich reward awaits us if we but heed the call and provide the means by which the work can be carried forward.

The Apportionments.

Last year the Board asked of the Synods that the sum of $40,000 be apportioned upon the Classes for missions proper, $3,000 for the Hungarian work and $1,000 for the Harbor mission at the port of New York. The Harbor mission apportionment was, however, provided for by the General Synod at Reading, and falls with equal weight upon English and German Synods. The Synods at their meetings last fall assumed these amounts and the Classes at their meetings this spring will be expected to apportion them upon the charges. The Board wishes it to be distinctly understood that at no time was there a request made for any funds over and above the apportionments. The Board, in all its appropriations, remained within the scope of the apportionments, and, indeed, always allowed a large margin for any possible delinquencies. Notwithstanding this careful management on the part of the Board, the Church still failed to pay so much of the apportionments as was needed. The delinquencies amounted to fully $10,000 during the past year, being nearly *one-fourth* of the whole sum asked of the Synods. It would be well if the Classes would take into consideration, at their annual meetings, the extremely small average per member required to pay the missionary apportionments. It runs from a little above *eighteen cents* in the Eastern Synod to *fifty-three cents* in the Synod of the Interior. Certainly there should be no difficulty in raising so small an average for a work so important.

Then, the Board wishes the Church to take notice of the fact, also, that for two years the sums asked of the Synods have been just the same. While this work should have been greatly increased, and might have been increased to the great advantage of the Church, yet it was not deemed best to ask for larger sums because of the stringency of the times. The same amount will be asked of the Synods for next year, although the membership of the Church has been increased. The Board now asks the Classes

that the most strenuous efforts be put forth to collect the apportionments. The missions were invariably established at the earnest solicitation of the Classes and Synods, with the tacit understanding that the Synods would stand by the Board and furnish the means to carry forward the missions which they requested should be established. The Board has a right to expect that these promises be kept.

The Board would also suggest that, in cases where charges are vacant a committee of Classis be sent into them to assist in gathering the apportionments. This is now done by some Classes with good results.

The Missions.

Never before were our missions more prosperous. Financially they have had a struggle; but when the statistical table at the end of this report is consulted it will be found that the past year has been one of advancement in all departments of the work. Since April, 1894, a number of missions have become self-sustaining, aside from those so marked, but as they were so designated on the statistical table last September they need not be mentioned here. Although money was scarce the Board was still under the necessity of enrolling a few new missions since the annual report of last year.; Youngstown, Ohio, Dauphin Street mission, Philadelphia, Pa., Tioga mission, Philadelphia, Pa., Harrisonburg, Va., and the Hungarian mission at South Norwalk, Conn., have been enrolled. The mission at Tyrone, Pa., has been dropped from the roll, so that there are on April 1st, 1895, ninety-five missions on the roll of the Board. There are several of this number that have become self-supporting with April 1st, and quite an additional number receive very small allowances from the Board, and will need its help but a short time longer. Had the means been at hand, the roll might have been greatly increased. Missions would have been founded in places where the prospects are the most encouraging. Indeed, new points have been *pleading* for the establishment of missions.

It will be noticed that we now have, including the German, *one hundred and twenty-six* missions, embracing one hundred and eighty congregations. We find, then, that *one-sixth* of our ministers are missionaries in the home field, and *one-eighth* of our congregations belong to the mission fields.

The Chicago Church.

In last year's report the Board requested the Synods to provide a sum aggregating $4,500 or $5,000 for the erection of a church for the English mission in Chicago. The lot was secured by the Board a year ago, and the erection of a modest church is absolutely necessary to insure the success of the mission. The Synods all took favorable action in the matter. Some invited the agent to come into the congregations and collect the sum to be raised. Some authorized the holding of collections in order to obtain the

money, while in one instance the amount is to be apportioned upon the charges in the usual way.

It has since been ascertained that there are grave objections to an agent collecting the money, as some pastors do not wish an agent to come into their fields, while others object on the ground that an agent cannot visit all the charges of a Synod for a sum so small, so that a comparatively small number of the charges must pay the money. It is the sense of the Board that this mission is very important and should have the support of the entire English Church in the erection of its building; and it is further the sense of the Board that the money should be gotten with as little expense and as quickly as possible.

The Board, therefore, proposes to the Classes and earnestly requests that, since all the Synods took favorable action, the Classes, at their annual meetings this spring, assume such an amount as would fall to each upon the basis of the amount assumed by the Synods, and that they designate the amount each pastor is to raise, and request the pastors to raise the amounts by collection, and pay them to the Treasurers of the Classes, who shall forward them to the Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., 1219 West Monroe street, Chicago, Ills. Dr. Kendig will receipt for all money, and these receipts can then be forwarded by the Treasurers of the Classes to the Synodical Treasurers, so that proper credit can be given the Synods. The object is to get the money as quickly as possible. There is urgent need that this church be built. The mission has a bright future before it if the Church will help to put it upon a firm basis by the erection of this building.

The Board hopes that the Classes will take the proposed action and so carry out the spirit of the action taken by the Synods.

The Harbor Mission.

Of this kind of work our Church has but one station, namely, that at the port of New York. Rev. Paul Somerlatte is in charge of the work, and indeed he has sole control of it. The entire amount to be furnished for this work by the entire Church is just $1,000 annually. Whatever additional is furnished by the Church is a purely voluntary matter. It would seem that $1,000 for eight Synods to furnish annually is a sum so small that it would be furnished promptly and freely. The truth compels us to say, however, that in nineteen months the entire Church paid only $840 to this cause, compelling the Board to use funds that were intended for the regular missionary work to pay the Harbor Missionary. The Board cannot here point out the amounts that the different Synods owe this fund, but all are more or less delinquent. The Board calls the attention of the Classes and Synods to the condition of the treasury as regards this mission, with the belief that these bodies need only know how the matter stands in order to furnish the means to carry it forward. Hereafter the Board will use only such funds as are specified for this work, to

carry it on. If the Church fails to pay what is promised, that will be taken as sufficient evidence that our people are not interested in the Harbor Mission and do not wish to support it. The Synods should not apportion such a small sum upon the Classes, but should combine it with their contingent expenses and out of these pay it annually for the whole Synod. When it comes in the form of an apportionment upon the charges it is a sum so small that it is entirely overlooked, or becomes mixed up with larger sums for other purposes and is never paid to the object for which it was intended. Something of this kind must have occurred, as the sum asked for and promised by the Synods has not been paid over. For instance, the entire income for this purpose from April, 1894, to April, 1895, was only $564.03. The Board cannot too strongly urge upon the Classes and Synods to see that the small sums needed for this work are promptly paid.

The Hungarian Work.

Perhaps no departmeut of the work has moved forward with greater evidences of prosperity than that of the Hungarian. From its very inception it has been a success. What has been done should encourage the Church to still greater efforts among these Reformed people who come to our shores.

A little over a year ago Rev. Ferenczi took charge at Pittsburgh. There never seemed to be much business tact among the Hungarians at that place until he took charge. Since then matters have been placed upon a better basis, and the outlook is decidedly more cheering than ever before. At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, pastor Ferenczi, with his elder, appeared before the Committee and paid $150 on their church debt, with the assurance that a like sum should be paid quarterly, if possible, untill the whole is paid. This is the kind of work that tells on the spirit and habits of the people.

Rev. Kovacs a year ago went to Assinaboia, Canada, to do missionary work among his Hungarian brethren. During the year past, according to his reports, he has been doing such work as he deemed neccessary in that new country. The members are somewhat scattered and live in two communities adjacent to each other. He finds the work somewhat difficult. Last summer the people suffered by the drouth, while during the past winter their souls were tried by the rigors of a far northern winter. Still he seems hopeful of success. He now has seventy families of his people with him, and has the promise of others who intend to make their home in this colony. Let us hope that he will make a success of the project.

Last October Rev. Harsanyi came to this country in answer to the call of the Board and took charge of the work in Cleveland, O., Rev. Jurany resigning his position as pastor. Rev. Harsanyi came as a licentiate and was ordained by and enrolled as a member of Erie Classis. He at once entered upon the work with

zeal and has been busily engaged since. His reports are cheering in their character and he seems to delight in the work assigned him. He was entirely unacquainted with the English language when he arrived in this country, but is rapidly acquiring it. In November last the new Hungarian church on East Madison Avenue, Cleveland, was dedicated. This church is a very comfortable building, of fair size, costing, including the lot, about $3,300. The church is a substantial structure. The congregation in Cleveland is doing well; and when the debt of $1,000 now resting on the building is lifted, self-support will not be far distant. Connected with Cleveland are congregations at Fairport, Toledo and Ashtabula served by Bro. Harsanyi.

For several years our Hungarian ministers have been visiting points in the East. A number of important fields have been at different times pointed out to the Board for work among the Hungarians. Both men and means have been wanting. One new field has been organized within the last six months, namely, South Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn. There has been a congregation organized in each of these towns, and Gabriel Dokus, a Hungarian, who was lately ordained to the gospel ministry, has been called to and commissioned for the field with an appropriation of $200. The prospects for the field are said to be very good.

We should have an increased amount for this work next year, but under the present financial strain the Board does not deem it best to ask for more than last year. The Synods are therefore requested to assume the following sums for this work at their annual meeting this year.

Eastern Synod	$1,000
Potomac "	500
Pittsburgh Synod	450
Ohio Synod	400
Northwestern Synod	250
Central Synod	200
German Synod of the East	140
Synod of the Interior	90

The Board calls attention to the fact that the entire income for Hungarian missions from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895, was $1,675.44, instead of the $3,000 promised.

As the Hungarian work is of general interest throughout the Church, we also ask the German Synods for their contributions to this good work.

The Extension Work.

This department of the work increases in importance with every additional year. It is rapidly growing as the mission work is extended. It is one side of the general missionary work, but one of very great importance. It may be very lightly regarded by many in the Church and utterly neglected by others, but it still

remains true that no denomination can be on the highway to success that fails to lay deep and strong its foundations in a liberal extension fund. The policy that the most progressive denominations of this country have been pursuing is proof of the fact. Our Church has never put the stress upon it that its importance demands. It can now be plainly seen that the want of such a fund is crippling our operations at every step. The Board is glad to state that some progress has been made during the year. We here give the report of Treasurer Boush.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM APRIL 1, 1894, TO APRIL 1, 1895.

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Contributions from all sources	$4,727.24
Bequests and legacies	1,250.00
From loans, authorized	3,000.00
From interest	188.00
Money paid back by missions	300.00
Total	$9,465.24

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Interest on borrowed money	$378.00
On church property at Chicago, Ill.	4,677.75
On church property at St. Joseph, Mo.	2,501.75
On church property at Massillon, Ohio	1,000.00
On church property at Lima, Ohio	1,655.00
On church property at Denver, Col.	183.25
On church property at New Kensington, Pa.	2.00
On church property at Grove City, Pa.	500.00
Total	$10,897.75
Due the Treasurer	$1,432.51

There are deferred payments as follows:

On Chicago church property	$4,387.50
On Denver church property	2,500.00
	$6,887.50

BORROWED MONEY.

From B. Wolf, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.	$1,750.00	
From Bi-Synodic Board to purchase mortgage on Kansas City property	2,200.00	
From Jacob S. Fouse, James Creek, Pa.,	1,000.00	
From Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Ministerial Relief Fund	1,500.00	
Stuckslager & Auracher, bankers, Lisbon, Ia.	1,000.00	
From Mrs. D. B. Lady	500.00	
	$7,950.00	
Deferred payments		$6,887.50
Borrowed money,		7,950.10
		$14,837.60

It will be noticed that some of the items in this report were included in the report sent out last September; but, as this report is to cover a full year, all transactions between April 1, 1894, and April 1, 1895, are included. It is a plain, unvarnished statement of the case. The work had to be carried forward, whether the

funds were on hand or not. Some of our city missions required help or had to be abandoned. The same conditions always exist if we establish missions in the cities. If we are content with doing work only in the rural districts, then we can get along with less means.

The contributions from all sources were $4,727.24. These, it might be stated, were the free-will offerings of the Church for this object.

The legacies were the offerings of a few who remembered this good cause in the final disposition of their property, and are a monument to their name and memory.

It will be noticed that some of the missions are already beginning to pay back small sums. In the years to come the Board will have a large annual income from this source with which to help other new interests.

Aside from this, the Board had to have additional funds, and so $3,000 had to be borrowed. It was only under the most urgent need that this was done.

Including the deferred payments and the amount borrowed, the liabilities of the Board, for this department of the work, are $14,-837.50. This is getting to be a formidable sum indeed. But the Board could not see its way out except by borrowing the money. We feel confident, however, that the money is well invested and no similar amount will bear better interest for the Church.

A number of our missions are asking for loans of $500 and $1,000 in order to strengthen them. The Board would gladly help the missions in this way, but to do so is an utter impossibility, as the funds are lacking. It is true also that so far the Board has given aid only in the way of purchasing the lots and holding them as the property of the Board, to be used by the missions, upon which to erect chapels and churches.

The Board is very much in need of additional funds for this work, and the Church should do more for the extension cause; and yet, as the times are hard, it has been decided to ask the same as last year, namely, an average of *six cents per member.* The Board, therefore, most earnestly requests the Synods, at their annual meetings this year, to apportion upon the Classes this small sum for this important work.

It is but fair to acknowledge the help of the women of the Church in this work. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod has about finished its fund of $500.

The special fund of $500 to be known as the *Tiffin Classis Extension Fund* has also been completed.

The Finances.

The finances of the Board are an important item at any time, but especially at the present. Not a little discussion has been going on as regards the finances of the Home Board, the apportionments, the shrinkages, the best plans to raise money, and so

on to the end of the chapter. Men differ widely. What seems proper for one portion of the Church may not quite suit another. A few points must always be kept in mind when the finances are discussed.

1. That the missions were enrolled upon the recommendations of the subordinate Boards.

2. That the Synods pledged the amounts necessary to sustain these missions.

3. That the Board in enrolling these missions made allowance for any reasonable shrinkage that might occur because of the stringency of the times. In spite of this conservative policy on the part of the Board, there has beeen more of a shrinkage than was expected.

The amount voted last year by the Synods for missions, including Hungarian and Harbor, was $44,000. The amount actually paid in from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895, was $35,460, leaving a shortage of $8,540 for the year. But Treasurer Reber informs us that the shortage of 1893 was even greater than that of 1894, making for the two years fully $17,000. On April 1, 1895, we are short fully $9,000. We are compelled to raise the money for the quarter ending March 31, 1895, whereas the money should be on hand now, to pay all the missionaries as soon as their orders are issued. The $35,460 received during the year does not represent the amount collected by the Synods on the apportionments, but includes all the additional funds sent in to the Treasurer, all donations, the women's contributions, and the extra money collected by the Superintendents. That we are short nearly $10,000 is to be deplored. That the sum is no greater should be a matter of hearty thanksgiving, when we consider the stringency of the times. Though the times are hard, yet the missionaries must have their small appropriations, and the Board must depend on the Church to furnish the money. The Board therefore asks the Classes that in their annual meetings this spring they take such action as will insure the prompt payment of the amounts apportioned upon them by the Synods.

The Estimates for Next Year.

It is very evident to the Board that during the next year no marked forward steps can be taken in the home work. The Board is very anxious, however, that no backward steps shall be taken. The work as now constituted should be maintained, and, perhaps, a few additional points taken up. The reductions at the annual meeting must at least equal any amount assumed for new work. At this rate there will be needed for the next year about the same amount that was required for the present year. The Board, therefore, asks of the Synods the following sums to be apportioned upon the Classes at their annual meetings this fall.

Eastern Synod	$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburgh "	4,500
Interior "	1,500
	$40,000

The entire apportionments will then be:

Missions	$40,000
Hungarian Missions	3,000
Harbor Mission	1,000
	$44,000

with six cents per member for church extension. This is an average of about *thirty-one cents* per member for the English Synods, including all the departments of the home work. This is a sum so small, for a work so important, that no one can possibly urge a valid objection against it. We have our doubts whether there is another denomination in the land that does so much work with so little money. The Board feels that a less sum than that asked for would cripple the work so seriously as to do great injury to the cause, and hopes that the Synods and Classes will very willingly vote the sum in aid of this work.

The German Missions.

It was suggested by not a few, in past years, that it would be well as a source of information, if in the annual report there were given a list of the German missions. This year we endeavored to comply with the request by procuring a list, with name of mission, where located, membership, the amount paid by the mission and the amount paid by the German Board. This list is a proof that the German brethren are pushing the spread of the Church as rapidly as men and means permit. They, like the English, are limited in the means necessary to carry on the work on a scale commensurate with its importance. It will be seen, by the list, that nearly all their missions are in the cities and larger towns. There is much new territory that should be taken up by the Germans as well as the English. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when in both languages the mission work will be very largely increased.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Members.	Amount the Board pays.	Salary paid by Missions.
West Bay City, Mich.	Nath Ruetenik,	60	125	275
Port Hope, Mich.	H. Hesse,	100	125	117
Elk Rapids, Mich.	J. Matzinger,	100	125	250
Detroit, Mich.	A. Schneck,	89	500	200
Marion, Mich.	G. M. Hirsch,	72	275	150
Wausau, Wis.	F. C. Schnuelle,	110	225	96
South Kaukauna, Wis.	F. F. Aigner,	95	250	120
Calumet, Mich.	J. Kaeppeli,		100	
Haughville, Ind.	F. Kalbfleisch,	48	300	100
Springdale and Brightwood, Ind.	S. C. Barth.	80	225	130
Princeton and Evansville, Ind.	Wm. Dieckman,	65	200	300
Stanford, Ky.	J. Matter,	52	150	130
Nashville, Tenn.	J. Von Grueningen,	102	400	200
St. Paul, Minn.	J. O. Vitz,	125	250	250
Lincoln, Neb.	A. Kanne,	121	600	82
Melbourne, Iowa.	S. Elliker,	49	150	250
St. Louis, Mo.	W. F. Horstmeyer,	206	450	75
Chicago, Ill.	J. Traeger,	62	300	
Marion, Ohio.	F. C. Witthoff,	186	250	245
Toledo, Ohio.	J. Wernly,	126	500	200
Helvetia, W. Va.	D. F. Schroth,	205	100	200
Millersburg, Ohio.	Wm. Grether,	161	150	250
Norwood, Ohio.	C. Schaaf, D. D.,	74	500	360
Martha Memorial, N. Y.	Paul H. Schnatz,	290	600	300
St. Luke, Phila.	M. T. Dumstrey,	230	660	340
Clarence, N. Y.	Antona Darms,	150	400	90
St. John's Phila.	J. Vegelin,	130	200	250
Jerusalem, N. Y.	Wm. Bollman,	200	250	360
St. Mathews, Phila.	U. O. Silvius,	113	200	500
Friedens, Baltimore.	N. Wiemer,	130	225	450
Holyoke, Mass.	A. Bruellos.	150		425

Miscellaneous Items.

The Sunday-school Board contemplates the appointment of a Sunday-school Missionary, whose duty it shall be to enter the towns and cities where Sunday-school work is needed, and organize Sunday-schools, and, ultimately, congregations. The Board deems such an office a very important one, and it is believed that such a missionary can do a good work in building up the Church in destitute places. But the operations of the Sunday-school Board along missionary lines and the work of the General Board must not conflict. Therefore, at the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee from the Sunday-school Board, and these committees of conference are to formulate a plan by which the two Boards can coöperate in a way mutually helpful to each other. The plan will be submitted to the General Board for approval at the annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

Chambersburg, Md.	C. W. Levan	"	1	49	40		7	6	4	1	11					58	325	383	3		18	21	10	5	1	4	7	54	65			1	17000	3500			6500	
Duncannon, Pa.	J. B. Shontz	"	1	273	142	10	15	25	9	5	39	1	6	17	24	600	856	1466	20	118	15	153	97	25	1	7	21	317	345	1	133	1	10000	850	1	4000	4500	
Everette, Wash.	J. D. Miller	"	3	185	76		3	1	2	2	5	5	1	8	14	508	277	785	35		60	95	34	9	2	11	24	190	225			2	3000	300			2400	
Harrisonburg, Va.	G. Vetter	"	1				2					1			1	15																								
Harrisville, Va.	J. S. Garrison	"	1	10	8			1	10		11						31	31	8			8		3																
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	A. B. Bauman	"	2	177	80	2	5	5	2		7	6			6	450	210	660	21		95	116	15	12	2	7	13	125	146			2	4000	50				
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Thomasville, N. C.	J. G. Biegert	"	1	34			12	2		4	6	1	2	2	5	65	190	255	32	46	5	83	83	83	1	2	6	46	54	1	10	1	5500	1000	1	1000		
Tyrone, Pa.	J. C. Leonard	"	1	18	9	1											200	200			4	4	4	4															
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Washougal, Wash.	A. T. G. Apple	"	1	135	60			9	2	2	13		3		3	350	697	1047	28	36	98	157	95	52	1	7	9	107	123	1	70	1	25000		1	12000	7200	
West Union, Ore.	Gottlieb Hafner	"	1	16	12		2			1	1			1	1	77	27	104	2		10	12	12	19	3	1	1	18	19						1			
Winchester, Va.	H. Liesman	"	1	78	101		7	6	5		14					120	66	186			3	3	3	29	2	1	12	72	85						1	200		
Woodberry, Md.	J. B. Stonesifer	"	2	114	80	1	8	6	1		7	2	1		3	321	156	477	18		32	50	10	10	1	1	13	85	105			2	3000	50		1500		
York, Pa.	E. R. Deatrick	"	1	160	120	2	10	2	3		5	1			1	602	730	1332	10	43	42	98	77	46	1	5	17	152	174	1	52	1	4500	550		1000	4100	
Allentown, Pa.	I. N. Peightel	"	1	218	128	1	15	3	4	5	12	4	3	3	10	600	750	1350	99	44		536	584	32	1	9	16	3387	410			1	6500			3000	3000	
Harrisburg, Pa.	S. U. Mitman	Eastern	1	120	32		8		77		77	1		10	11	400	199	599	78	15	123	216	35	20	1	9	18	210	235	1	30	1	3000	3000			2500	
Lancaster, Pa.	M. H. Sangree	"	1	64	55	4	15	6	10		16	6	8	3	16		490	490	15	45	17	77	25	5	3	5	11	205	221	1	54							
Philadelphia, Pa.	W. F. Lichliter	"	1	206	238	3	53	11	4	4	19	6	2		8	300	898	1198		111		111	74	6	1	18	50	589	657	1	68	1	7500				3000	
Philadelphia, Pa.	W. Delaney	"	1	180	70	2	30	16	3	4	23	1	12	5	18	720	528	1248					10		1	5	72	284	361	3	130	1	1500	3900			3000	
Philadelphia, Pa.	Henry Tesnow	"	1	147	60	3	29	15	4	5	24	3	6	10	19	339	854	1193	9	8	28	45	17	30		11	21	327	359			1	2500	400			1200	
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Prospectville, Pa.	. . . . .	"	1	94	50	7	12	14	2	1	17	1	1		2	600	492	1092	40	10	53	103	66	16	3	24	22	340	386	1	45							
Reading, Pa.	J. P. Stein	"	1	174	91	2	40		8	4	12	8	6	15	29	500	802	1302	15		15	30	15	40	1	15	16	312	343			1	26000	8000			10000	
Royersford, Pa.	O. H. E. Rauch	"	1	105	69	2	7	3	4	1	8	1	6	5	12	368	87	455	25		10	35		8	1	14	18	145	177	1	105	1	6000	1900			5000	
Scranton, Pa.	W. H. Stubblebine	"	1	67	41	1	2	2	1	7	10			3	3	125	375	500	5			5	5		1	4	6	40	50			1	350	150			800	
Norwalk Conn. Hung.	Gabriel Dokus	"	2	50		80	40	4			4					240		240												1	50							
Seelton, Pa.	H. H. Sangree	"	1	120	35			7	3		10	1	4	9	14	301	391	692	8	62	52	122	11		1	12	20	199	731	1	60	1	11000	2400			5000	
Tower City, Pa.	L. D. Steckel	"	3	124	75		5	5			5			4	4	300	405	705	7		23	30	10	40	3	10	20	182	212			2	2000	300				
Harbor Mission, N. Y.	Paul Sommerlatte	"	1																																				

*Tyrone was dropped from the rolls. Those in italics become self-supporting. *Last year's report.*

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It has long been felt by the Board that the German missions on the Pacific Coast should be under the German Board, as the German work can be best carried forward by Germans. Accordingly, several years ago overtures were made to the German Board of the West to transfer those missions to its care. The matter was brought before said Board in regular form by the General Board, and that Board brought the matter before the Northwestern and Central Synods for final decision at their meetings last year. Their action was adverse to their reception. So these missions still continue under the General Board for the present.

The Board has been earnestly solicited to take charge of a Bohemian interest in Milwaukee, Wis., and organize a congregation among the people of that nationality in that city. The plea is made that these Bohemian brethren are of Reformed stock and should be cared for by our Church. The matter came before the Executive Committee at its last meeting, and was by it referred to the full Board meeting April 23, 1895.

The matter of forming German-English missions has claimed the attention of the Board at different times. Most urgent appeals have come to it from points in the German Classes, but as only the English Synods have placed their mission work under the care of the General Board, the Board has hesitated to establish such missions and have them form a part of German Classes. This whole matter must soon be adjusted in some way, either by the General Synod or by some other competent authority.

The Conclusion.

The past year has been a difficult one for mission work from the fact that the Board has continually been cramped for want of funds. Under these circumstances the Board hesitated to take up new work that presented itself to the extent that it should have done. At no time have our opportunities been greater and the outlook more favorable. As a Church we should give thanks for the measure of prosperity that has attained our missionary efforts. The Master's blessings have been upon us. But have we as a Church been as faithful as we should have been? Have we honored the Lord with our substance as we should have done? Let us call upon Him to bless the coming year, even more signally than the past year. Let us expect great things of the Lord, but let us so meet our responsibilities that He can do great things for us.

D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

II.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is important that your Advisory Board continue to render a yearly report to the Synods, especially in

reference to the finances of the year and the trust funds in our hands.

With this report, indeed as part of it, we send Treasurer Nissley's report as usual, knowing that its details are valuable in the study of our work.

It is matter for devout gratitude to God that a revival of business seems at hand, and that the coming year promises easier finances.

Perhaps it is enough to make the general statement that our work is in good condition; and for details concerning the missions we refer you to the yearly report of the General Board.

It is well, however, to call attention to the fact that the Hungarian work within the bounds of the Eastern Synod is assuming unexpectedly large proportions, demanding and deserving special help. We now have congregations at South Norwalk, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Trenton, N. J.; and Mt. Carmel, Pa.; with abundant material for another in New York City, where a pastor has just been located. At Mt. Carmel they two years ago built themselves a church, and at Trenton one will likely soon be built by the members; but at South Norwalk and Bridgeport loans must be given for the building of churches, and here our Church-building Funds again serve us well.

During the year the Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Church-building Fund was completed; the Freeland G. Hobson Fund was begun; several partial Funds have been increased; and two Funds have been paid into the treasury, namely, the Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Church-building Fund, and the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Church-building Fund. We now have thirty of these Funds on record, besides those in process of completion.

Let it be borne in mind that the helpfulness of these Funds lies not merely in the amount given, but especially in the fact that they are on hand for use just when most needed, a fact which has repeatedly been brought to the attention of our people. Hence our effort has been always to have several Funds in the treasury in advance of demand.

The available assets of the Board are now over $30,000, mainly in the form of first mortgages on church properties; and it is worthy of note that about half of this amount is made up of the Church-building Funds gathered within the last nine years.

One of the most important as well as painful acts of the year was the dropping of our Pacific Coast missions. Our repeated efforts to transfer the work proved unavailing, and the Board did not feel justified in longer supporting it. Due notice was given all the missionaries, and support was withdrawn October 1, 1895.

Changes in the roll of missions, as well as items requiring action, will be found in the report of the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer.

. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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I. For Missions.

From Eastern Synod.

.phia Classis	$1,895.46	
›n Classis	918.35	
ıoppen Classis	1,322.29	
ınnsylvania Classis	860.00	
ı Classis	983.99	
:ill Classis	1,489.97	
:r Classis	1,139.24	
squehanna Classis	918.39	
ısquehanna Classis	958.86	
Classis	1,242.14	
ıg Classis	696.06	
		$12,424.75

From Synod of the Potomac.

ıd Classis	$2,109.33	
burg Classis	841.58	
Classis	1,204.84	
Classis	563.41	
:lassis	359.79	
urg Classis	206.00	
arolina Classis	50.00	
ı Classis	300.00	
		$5,634.95

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Graedel Ballard, Washington	$11.50
ı's Reformed Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa.	8.50
ıntingdon, Pa.	5.00
ıous, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
ıous, Baltimore, Pa.	5.00
F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	15.00
la Kreig, Buckeystown, Md.	2.50
ɜd Church, Frederick, Md.	25.00
›epartment, Reformed Salem Sunday-school, ɜburg, Pa.	4.25
nerva J. Beard, Mifflinburg, Pa.	5.00
Aid Society, Concord, N. C.	5.15
Peoples' Christian Endeavor, St. John's, Leba- ?a.	10.00
d, White Marsh, Pa.	5.00
ın Kennedy	2.50
ary Society, Frederick, Md.	25.00
n Endeavor Society, 3d Street Church, Easton,	25.00
. W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa., 85th birthday offer-	20.00
ıitt, Woodstock, Va.	50.00
fis. Soc., Mercersburg Classis.	10.00
Mrs. F. C. Heller, Philadelphia, Pa.	20.00
:hurch, Philadelphia, Pa.	221.50
:hurch, Kearneysville, W. Va.	4.50
offering from an Elder.	25.00

Rev. I. M. Motter and members, Adamstown, Md. . .	$14.00	
From three friends	600.00	
Emmanuel's Congregation, Hanover, Pa.	50.00	
M. W. Bahn, New Freedom, Pa.	5.00	
Sunday-school, First Church, Hanover, Pa	50.00	
Sunday-school, First Church, Hanover, Pa., Lenten offering of several classes	15.40	
Reformed Congregation at Riegelsville, Pa.	142.06	
Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.	133.56	
Nevin Boyer Fund, Riegelsville, Pa.	5.00	
Mrs. S. A. Kretzing, Broadheadsville, Pa.	20.00	
Members at Buckeystown, Md.	2.00	
Sunday-school, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa. . .	50.00	
Y. P. S. C. E., St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.	10.00	
Rev. G. Vetter, salary refunded	16.00	
Rev. Geo. B. Resser, Hanover, Pa.	16.00	
Wom. Mis. Soc., Eastern Synod	1120.00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. East. Syn., interest Gerhart legacy, two years.	12.00	
		$2,781,42
Paid James. T. Reber, Treasurer of General Board, for Missions .		$20,841.12

II. Designated Moneys.

Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis, for Stroudsburg, Pa.	$500.00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. T. J. Bower.	200.00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. D. Yost	100.00
Wom. Mis. Soc., Philadelphia Classis, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
Wom. Mis. Soc., Philadelphia Classis, for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20.00
Wom. Mis. Soc., Philadelphia Classis, for Calvary Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20.00
Wom. Mis. Soc., Philadelphia Classis, for Bethel Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25.00
First Church, Lebanon, Pa., for Thomasville, N. C. . .	50.00
" " " " " Roanoke, Va.	10.00
Kate and Lizzie Bell, Harrisburg, Pa. for Steelton, Pa.	5.00
" " " " " " " 4th Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	5.00
Infant Dept., Sunday-school 1st Church, Hanover, Pa., for Abilene, Kans.	8.62
East Vincent Church for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa. .	10.00
Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuykill Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn.	100.00
Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	400.00
Wom. Mis. Soc., St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., for Rev. L. C. Harnish	25.00
Elder C. M. Bower, Bellefonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission.	10.00
" Jared Harper, " " " " "	10.00
St. John's S. S., " " " " "	10.00
First Reformed Ch., Reading, Pa., " " "	100.00
Juniata Classis, for Chicago Mission	152.00
George Horbough, Carlisle, Pa., for Chicago Mission .	25.00

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis, for Chicago Mission	$25.00	$1,825.62
For Hungarian Missions as follows:		
Rev. J. W. Pontius, Treas. Juniata Classis	$76.00	
C. A. Shultz, Treas. Zion's Classis	5.81	
Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod of the Potomac	48.00	
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis	49.00	
John J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	776.84	
		$955.65
" " " " " " Harbor Mission		473.09
Paid as designated		$3,254.36

III. Church-building.

1894. Sept. 24. Balance in Treasury		$3,550.61
From Eastern Synod.		
Tohickon Classis	$217.00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	41.00	
Lebanon Classis	117.70	
Schuylkill Classis	160.95	
Lancaster Classis	25.00	
East Susquehanna Classis	179.39	
Lehigh Classis	270.00	
Wyoming Classis	156.00	
		$1,167.04
From Synod of the Potomac.		
Juniata Classis	$223.59	
Carlisle Classis	86.00	
Zion's Classis	33.21	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Synod	185.25	
		$528.05
For Church-building Funds.		
West Susquehanna Classis Fund	$42.51	
E. B. & C. S. McCauley Fund	30.00	
Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Fund	500.00	
Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Fund	500.00	
Wom. Mis. Soc. Lebanon Classis Fund	113.00	
Freeland G. Hobson Fund	100.00	
Catechumens' Fund	16.67	
Wom. Mis. Soc. Wyoming Classis Fund	88.00	
		$1,390.18
From Loans Repaid.		
Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.	$250.00	
Grace Church, Abilene, Kans.	100.00	
Hamilton, Wash.	200.00	
L. C. Seidel, on account of mortgage	300.00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on account of judgment	200.00	
		$1,050.00
		$7,685.88
Disbursements.		
Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board	$1,036.57	
Amount designated by East Susquehanna Classis for Tower City Mission	150.00	

Paid loan to Thomasville, N. C.	$500.00	
" " " Wyoming Classis for Scranton, Pa.	500.00	
" " " 1st Church, Steelton, Pa	1,008.00	
" " " Christ Church, Lykens, Pa.	500.00	
" Rev. W. Delaney, Bethel Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	200.00	
" loan to Mission, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	266.67	$4,161.21
Balance in Treasury, September 18, 1895		3,524.64
		$7,685.88

IV. Interest Account.

Balance in Treasury September 24th, 1894	$588.54	
From Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.	16.00	
" Rev. Lewis Reiter, Roanoke, Va.	90.00	
" Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa.	132.00	
" St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore, Md.	75.00	
" L. C. Seidel, Steelton, Pa.	216.00	
" Mrs. Amanda R. Wagner, Pottstown, Pa.	100.00	
" Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	19.00	
" Hamilton, Wash.	31.25	
" Calvary Church, Scranton, Pa.	50.00	
" General Board of Home Missions	50.50	
" Jesse Gery legacy	2.50	
		$1,370.79

Disbursements.

Martin J. Sease, loan repaid	$700.00	
Anna and Barbara Leighty, loan repaid	300.00	
Interest on above loans	40.00	
Traveling expenses of Board, postage, stationery	89.17	
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer.	150.00	
		$1,279.17
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 18, 1895		91.62
		$1,370.79

V. Legacy Account.

From Jesse H. Gery, executor of Jesse Gery, East Greenville, Pa.	$950.00
Loaned to Trinity Mission, Altoona, Pa.	950.00

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 18, 1895.

Audited September 23, 1895, and found correct.

J. O. MILLER,
A. C. WHITMER.

IV. Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your reverend body a general statement of the fortunes, the present condition, and the outlook of our work in the Empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing glad tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work

of Christian Missions within its bounds. At the outbreak and during the earlier stages of the recent war with China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have upon the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference to its solemn claims, caused doubtless, in large part, by the universal absorption of interest in the war and which we are sorry to learn still prevails, the effects have proved rather advantageous than damaging. The simultaneous happy solution of the vexed question of treaty revision has gone far to allay the anti-foreign feeling which had erected restraining barriers, while the practical demonstration against the allegations of the false religionists, that Christianity was not inimical to patriotism, has caused a change of attitude towards it on the part of the military and ruling classes to that of toleration and even favor. The widespread distribution of the sacred scriptures; the special facilities for preaching the gospel to the soldiery, accorded by those in authority, and the underlying spirit of Christian charity as manifested in the offices of the Red Cross Association, all these combined, have, by the blessing of God, lodged deep in the hearts of the people, a holy principle, which silently, like leaven, is working a transformation which in large part, seems not yet to be clearly understood by its subjects. Even though the spirit of indifference is still discernable, yet in strange contrast, the attendance upon the preaching of the gospel is increasing.

The regular work of our Mission has gone forward during the last year without interruption. The only evil effect, we are informed of, is a slight decline in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, some of them having entered the army. In the Girls' School there was a slight increase in the number of scholars. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department and are now going forth as evangelists; five graduated from the Collegiate Department, some, if not all, of whom will enter the Theological Department. Five graduated from the Girls' School.

The death of Mr. Kaneko is felt to be a great loss to our Tohoku Gakuin, as he was expected to take the chair of Old Testament Theology. Hence the speedy going out, this fall, of Mr. Christopher Noss is felt to be the more urgent.

It is the feeling of the Board that, with the reinforcement by the going out of Mr. Noss, the teaching force in our institutions will be sufficient for the present. The most urgent need of our Mission at this time is additional buildings. The Girls' School is full to overflowing. More scholars could be gathered in had we room for their accommodation. The present teaching force is sufficient for a larger number of scholars. In case of the Tohoku Gakuin, our present building is entirely too small. It has to serve for Seminary, College and Preparatory Department. We are short at present for recitation rooms and dormitory facilities, some of the

dormitory rooms being used for recitation purposes. The Board has felt the urgent need of enlarged quarters, but in view of other necessities for which it felt constrained to ask enlarged contributions from the Church, it hesitated for the time being to press a new and large request. It was, therefore, with pleasure that it heard of the inauguration, by the Classis of Philadelphia, of the enterprise, with the aid of the other Classes of the Church, of the erection of the Kaneko Memorial building. We bespeak for this enterprise the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means, for its realization will go far to relieve our embarrassment and enable a larger efficiency in our work.

We are happy in being able to say that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. For this very efficient coöperation in our blessed work by the women of our Church the Board is profoundly thankful.

As to the finances of the Board, it is happy to tender to the Church its hearty thanks for the favorable response made to its enlarged requests. The oppressive part of our indebtedness *is paid*, for which we humbly thank God, and provision has meanwhile been made for all our current expenses. True, the full amount of the apportionment has not been paid, but it has called out many contributions which else, most likely, would not have been made. The deficiency in this particular was compensated for by the self-denial effort, which effort, however, was but a partial success this last year, in consequence of a simultaneous special effort in the interest of another branch of our Church work.

Of the presence in this country, on furlough, of our beloved Missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, it is hardly needful that we speak. He is laboriously visiting our churches in furtherance of the cause to which he has consecrated his life. He is expected to be with you at your present meeting, and we heartily commend him to your most favorable consideration as an untiring, devoted and most faithful missionary of Jesus Christ. He will speak to you for himself.

In conclusion the Board would most earnestly request your reverend body to repeat the apportionment indicated by General Synod, and as experience has proved the efficiency and necessity of the self-denial effort, to appoint the coming Lenton season as a special time for earnest prayer and self-denial for the help and advancement of our blessed work of Foreign Missions.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 27, 1895.

V.—The Report on Missions.

The Committee on Missions read its report on Friday during the morning session and was acted on item by item. These several items were referred to the Committee on Finance for appor-

tionment. The report was adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Missions would respectful y offer the following report: The documents referred to us are[1]

1. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.
2. The report of the Board of Eastern and Potomac Synods.
3. The Treasurer's report.
4. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

From the reports of various Boards we learn that though financially the year was a hard one, never did the work make greater progress than during the past one. The fact that the blessing of God has rested upon the work both in the home and foreign field should challenge our sincere confidence and continued support. From the ever-widening field of opportunity come the reiterated cry for assistance and the plaintive plea for larger means, that greater and more glorious things may be done for the saving of souls and the ushering in of the Kingdom of God. The most discouraging feature of all the reports is that the apportionments, made in good faith, are not met by the Church, to the great detriment of the work.

We recommend, therefore,

1. That this Synod assume the sum of $17,000 for Home Missions and apportion the same upon the several Classes.
2. That the sum of six cents per communicant member be apportioned upon the various Classes for the furtherance of Church Building.
3. That the sum of $1,000 be apportioned upon the Classes of Hungarian Missions.
4. That $300 be apportioned upon the Classes for Harbor Missions.
5. That in view of the pressing needs of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in accordance with the recommendations of General Synod at its last meeting, $15,000 be apportioned upon the Classes for this worthy cause.
6. That Synod commend the English Mission at Chicago, and urge upon the Classes that at least $1,500, by way of free-will offerings from the people, be raised within our bounds.
7. That Synod earnestly request the various Classes to do their utmost to meet the pressing demands and needs of the Church in all departments of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC M. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

Rev. A. C. Whitmer received the nomination of Synod for re-election as Superintendent of Home Missions of the Bi-Synodic Board, for a term of three years.

Dr. John Gantenbein addressed Synod in regard to extending

aid to the churches on the Pacific Coast. This whole subject was referred to the Potomac Synod, to whose jurisdiction these churches belong.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, and the item in the Report of Trustees declaring a vacancy in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees begs leave to offer the following annual report.

I. The Treasurer of Synod submitted his report to the Board, at a meeting held in Lebanon, Pa., October 14, 1895. It was referred to auditors, vouchers compared and found correct, with a balance for Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod, $1,134.88.

II. The Harrisburg City Bond for $300, constituting the Gerhart Legacy, maturing and having been paid, the principal $300 was invested in a first lien given by Henry Alleman, of Dauphin County, Pa., in the form of a Judgment Note.

III. The Board is constituted at present as follows: Rev. Warren J. Johnson, Lebanon, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1896; Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1897; Rev. T. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1898; Elder D. N. Schaffer, Reading, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1899; Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1900.

IV. The term of Rev. Warren J. Johnson expiring January 1, 1896, we recommend as suitable candidates for nomination, Elder Loui Kramer, of Reading, Pa., and Elder D. B. Manger, Douglasville, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN J. JOHNSON,

LEBANON, PA., October 15, 1895. *President of the Board.*

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1895. **Contingent Fund General Synod.**

DR.

Oct. 13. From Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis $85.00
" " " Jacob K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis . . 127.36

Oct. 13.	From Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	$84.35	
" " "	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis	140.00	
" " "	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis . .	66.00	$502.71

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	Paid C. G. Gross, Treas. General Synod . .	$502.71

1894. **Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.**

Oct. 13.	Balance in the treasury	$1,131.74

DR.

" "	From D. B. Manger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classes	$40.00	
" " "	Isaac G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis .	40.00	
" " "	Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna Classis	53.00	
" " "	Jacob K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis . .	69.00	
" " "	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis	70.00	
" " "	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lanc. Classis	37.00	
" " "	Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	52.95	
" " "	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis	70.00	
" " "	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis . .	5.00	
" " "	Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susquehanna Classis	35.00	$471.95
			$1,603.69

CR.

Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	$150.00	
" " " bill of expenses, postage, etc . .	36.50	
" for printing tickets, Synod at Harrisburg	1.50	
" traveling expenses, Rev. W. J. Johnson	2.55	
" " " Rev. J. J. Nissley	3.58	
" " " Rev. T. O. Stem	1.67	
" Rev. J. H. Hartman, use of Church, meeting of Synod, Harrisburg	20.00	
" Reformed Church Pub. House, Philadelphia, printing minutes of Synod	247.51	
" Rev. H. M. Keifer, D. D., Treas. expenses Board of Visitors, Theological Seminary	5.00	
" Harrisburg Stencil works, repairing seal	.50	
1895.		
Oct. 10. Paid balance	1,134.88	$1,603.69

Seminary and Gerhart Funds.

DR.

From St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, 12 mo. int. Cooke Legacy	$60.00	
" Harrisburg City Bonds, 12 mo. int. Gerhart Legacy	18.00	
" A. & L. Mountz, 12 mo. int. on $4,500, Keifer Legacy	225.00	
" J. J. Bishop, 12 mo. in. on $5,000, Keifer Legacy .	250.00	$553.00
" Harrisburg City Bonds paid, constituting the Gerhart Legacy		300.00

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treas. 12 mo. int. Keifer Legacy . .	$475.00
" " " " Cooke " . .	60.00
" John J. Nissley, Treas. Missions, 12 mo. int. Gerhart Legacy	6.00
" Jos. L. Lemberger, Treas. Foreign Missions, 12 mo. int. Gerhart Legacy	6.00

Paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education, 12 mo. int. Gerhart Legacy	$6.00	$553.00
" Henry Alleman, loan secured by judgment, Gerhart Legacy		$300.00

Hungarian Missions.

DR.

From H. C. Hoover, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis . .	$41.96	
" Rev. J. B. Henry, " " " . .	3.50	
" D. B. Mauger, " Goshenhoppen " . .	90.00	
" Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis	67.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon Classis	80.30	
" Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	74.00	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, " Lancaster "	77.13	
" Geo. Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis . .	45.25	
" Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treasurer Lehigh Classis	57.00	
" Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer Wyoming Classis. . . .	60.00	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, " West Susquehanna Classis	62.00	$658.14

CR.

1895. Oct. 9. Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions	$522.14	
" 9. " J. J. Nissley, " "	136.00	$658.14

Harbor Missions.

DR.

From H. C. Hoover, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis . .	$47.48	
" Rev. J. B. Henry, " " " . .	5.00	
" Rev. T. O. Stem, " East Pennsylvania Classis	87.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treasurer Lebanon Classis	53.00	
" Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	28.00	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, " Lancaster Classis	40.03	
" Geo. Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis . .	8.66	
" Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treasurer Lehigh Classis	63.00	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	18.00	$350.17

CR.

1895. Oct. 9. Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions	$264.17	
" " " " " " "	86.00	$350.17

Calvin College.

DR.

From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis . .	$15.00	
" " H. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	18.00	$33.00

CR.

Paid Rev. J. F. Winter, Treasurer	$33.00

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

DR.

From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis . . .	$37.00

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer	$37.00

For Home Missions.

From Philadelphia Classis	$1,895.46	
" Tohickon Classis	918.35	
" Goshenhoppen Classis	1,629.10	
" East Pennsylvania Classis	960.00	
" Lebanon Classis	983.99	
" Schuylkill Classis	2,226.12	
" Lancaster Classis	1,139.24	
" East Susquehanna Classis	1,018.83	
" West Susquehanna Classis	1,042.91	
" Lehigh Classis	1,242.14	
" Wyoming Classis	696.06	$13,752.20

CR.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions	$12,424.75	
" " " " "	1,327.45	$13,752.20

Church Building.

DR.

From Tohickon Classis	$217.00	
" Goshenhoppen Classis	41.00	
" Lebanon Classis	117.70	
" Schuylkill Classis	160.95	
" Lancaster Classis	25.00	
" East Susquehanna Classis	179.39	
" Lehigh Classis	270.00	
" Wyoming Classis	156.00	$1,167.04

CR

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions	$1,167.04

For Theological Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa.

DR.

From Prof. J. C. Bowman, Chairman of the Building Committee, at various times	$6,154.58

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treas. at various times	$6,154.58

Amount previously collected	$78,356.77	
" collected during the current year	6,154.58	
Total	$84,511.35	

Arrearages on Apportionments.

Classes.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Church Building.	Seminary Aid.	Calvin College.	Overpaid for Home Missions.
East Pennsylvania .			3,249.00	$135.00	$185.00	$546.63	$60.00	$30.00	
Lebanon			2,577.10	135.00	75.08	529.30	76.00	38.00	
Philadelphia	$140.00	$38.00		243.54	147.84	506.00	40.00	20.00	$741.46
Lancaster			486.28	18.07	83.42	304.00	38.00	19.00	
East Susquehanna .	10.65		520.65	66.54	113.00	140.61	38.00	19.00	
West Susquehanna .			117.47			297.00	36.00		
Goshenhoppen . . .			37.61	83.00	136.00	397.00	52.00	26.00	
Tohickon			1,600.49	290.00	136.00	229.00	52.00	26.00	
Lehigh			2,365.23	192.00	139.00	529.62	84.00	42.00	
Schuylkill			431.80	80.00	132.00	576.05	51.00	29.00	
Wyoming		33.20	761.07	64.00	103.00	305.00	36.00	18.00	
	$150.65	$71.20	12146.70	$1307.15	$1250.34	$4360.21	$563.00	$267.00	$741.46

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer Eastern Synod.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., October 10, 1895.

We, the undersigned Auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the same correct. We also find that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer for contingent expenses for Eastern Synod is $1,134.88.

T. O. STEM,
D. N. SCHAEFFER,
Auditors.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance read its report during Monday's session. It was considered item by item and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

BELOVED BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance would state that the following documents were submitted for consideration.

The Report of Treasurer of Synod, also the following items:

Expenses of your Committee that investigated title and workings of Calvin College, $35; Sustentation for Calvin College, $300; Theological Seminary Sustentation, $600; Teacher of Elocution, $101; Harbor Missions, $300; St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, $20; Contingent Fund, $522; Home Missions, $17,091; Foreign Missions, $15,114; Hungarian $1,045; Church Building Fund, $5,038; Total, $40,166.00.

Your Committee would also call the attention of Synod to a long list of arrearages contained in the Treasurer's Report, and suggests the following action:

Resolved, that Synod most earnestly requests the Classes in arrears, to pay the former apportionment at an early day, so that benevolent operations of the Church can be carried on, and thus relieve the various Boards from their harassing condition.

The Committee recommend the following apportionment for adoption. It is the same as the one adopted a year ago.

Your Committee recommend the following apportionment upon the several Classes, viz.:

Classes.	Contingent Fund Easten Synod	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Teacher of Elocution.	Current Expenses Theol. Seminary.	Church-building Fund.	Calvin College.
East Pennsylvania . . .	$53	$1,655	$1,464	$102	$30	$10	$60	$488	$30
Lebanon	69	2,187	1,939	135	38	31	76	647	38
Philadelphia.	38	1,154	1,017	71	20	7	40	336	20
Lancaster	37	1,119	986	69	19	6	38	329	19
East Susquehanna . . .	35	1,090	960	67	19	6	38	320	19
West Susquehanna . . .	35	1,012	890	62	18	6	36	297	18
Goshenhoppen	40	1,484	1,312	83	26	9	52	438	26
Tohickon	40	1,510	1,336	93	26	9	52	446	26
Lehigh	70	2,350	2,085	145	42	14	84	695	42
Schuylkill	70	2,490	2,210	154	44	15	88	737	44
Wyoming	35	1,040	915	64	18	6	36	305	18
	$522	$17,091	$15,114	$1,045	$300	$101	$600	$5,038	$300

Philadelphia Classis overpaid its apportionment for Home Missions, $741.46.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. STEINMETZ,
Chairman.

At an election held on Friday, Elder Louis Kramer, of Stony Creek, Berks County, Pa., *was* elected a Trustee of Synod for a term of five years. An order was granted of $20 for the use of the Church at Shamokin, Pa., for holding Sessions of Synod. An order of $35 was granted in favor of Elder Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph. D., for investigating title and workings of Calvin College at Cleveland, Ohio.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes in regard to the items in its report under the head of irregularities was affirmed. In the Report on Minutes of Classes, item 2 under the head of requests, Wyoming Classes asks for a deliverance on the question who is to be counted in the column of communed, in the statistical tables? Synod would hereby repeat its interpre-

tation, that all those who have communed during the year are to be reported in that column.

In the 4th item under the head of requests in the same report, Wyoming Classis intimates that students of Theology are transgressing the rule by preaching as candidates in vacant charges before they have been licensed, and accepting calls from the same. The request was adopted and on motion the attention of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary is directed to such transgression.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools was read and adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

DEAR BRETHREN: The past year may fairly be characterized as one of increased activity in Sunday-school work. From the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod and by conference with the General Secretary and the Classical committees, we learn that the organization of the work through the Classical committees is farther advanced, the holding of Sunday-school conventions more general, and the observation of Children's Day more nearly universal, than ever before. These facts indicate progress in the special directions selected for increased effort since the appointment of the General Secretary, as promising the best means of securing more accurate statistics, a larger attendance and more effective work in the Sunday-schools of the Church.

1. The General Sunday-school Board and the General Secretary have been unwearied in furnishing, in the way of counsel and assistance and organized effort, every possible incentive to improve the standard of work in the individual schools and to infuse new life into the general work. Your committee would respectfully recommend to the Classes and Classical committees, that they heartily coöperate with these efforts, so that the good work may go on with largely increased success.

2. Special attention is again called to the united movement to increase the Sunday-school membership of the Reformed Church, and it is urged upon our Classes and their committees that they make earnest efforts to secure in every congregation a Sunday-school enrollment at least equal to the church membership. As means to this end we recommend organized efforts to enroll adults, to organize a Home Department, and to make house to house visitations wherever practicable.

3. The attention of the Classes is again called to the observance of "Children's Day," and it is urged especially that every effort be made to secure the spiritual blessings which a proper observance carries with it, as well as a general participation in the active prosecution of Sunday-school work and Sunday-school missions, by means of the offerings made in connection with the service.

4. Your committee would also respectfully report that it has arranged a programme for the Sunday-school meeting to be held during the present session of Synod.

5. In view of the fact that there has been added to the list of standing committees of Synod, appointed annually, one on Sunday-schools, and that a confusion may ensue by reason of both having the same name, we recommend that this body be hereafter known as the Sunday-school Board of the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. STAHR, D. D., F. G. HOBSON, Esq., J. H. STEIN, C. C. LEADER, G. A. SCHWEDES, } *Sunday-school Board.*

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

The following report was read and adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

To Reverend Eastern Synod, Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: The report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod was the only document submitted to your committee:

We rejoice to note the statement in this excellent report that the entire Church, English and German, is responding to the call of the General Synod's Board for increased interest and activity in the work of the Sunday-school. We rejoice especially that the Board is able to report that progress is evidenced by many cheering facts. That fuller and more detailed statistics of the condition of our schools have been obtained than ever before; that there has been a large gain in the number of scholars; that 25 schools during the past 18 months were organized directly and indirectly through the Board, in three of which congregations have been started; that the classification, grading and departmental work of our schools has received more attention; that the circulation of Reformed Lesson Helps has been increasing; that there has been a united observance of "Children's Day," the offerings amounting to $3,000, which is sufficient to conduct the entire present work of the Board, rendering an appeal for larger offerings unnecessary at this time; and that, finally all this increased activity and interest means to the Church the mighty possibilities of the Sunday-school, possibilities which ought and must be realized.

Your Committee accordingly submits for your action the following recommendations of the Board :

First.—Let the call for a united movement to increase the Sunday-school membership be solemnly laid upon the heart and conscience of the Church members and the Sunday-school workers. Let persistent and definite effort be urged upon pastors and consistories and their schools to have a Sunday-school enrollment equal to or larger than the Church membership.

Second.—Let the attention of the several Classes be again directed to the observance of "Children's Day," and the schools reminded that a blessed part of the services of this day is the *presentation of offerings* to carry on the work of the General Sunday-school work, especially Sunday-school Missions throughout our land.

It should be understood that the work of Sunday-school Missions depends for its support *upon the offerings* of "*Children's Day;*" that it is an appeal *to Sunday-schools, for Sunday-schools;* that it is carried forward in accord with Reformed Church polity, Missionaries laboring under the supervision of Classis, or their appropriate committee and schools, always being organized with a view to the regular Church organization or as an outpost and feeder to some neighboring Church.

Third.—Let the Classes and their respective pastors and consistories be affectionately urged to remember that the responsibility for the growth and efficiency of the Sunday-schools of the Church rests primarily *upon them;* and that only in proportion to *their* diligent interest and loving activity in teaching and training the children, and in gathering them in, as well as in interesting the Church membership in systematic Bible study, can the Reformed Sunday-school work be truly advanced to the high standard which its importance demands.

In all this progress here indicated, Synod devoutly rejoices. But with this rejoicing there are mingled emotions of an opposite character arising from several items stated in the report and from facts of common knowledge.

First.—We are sorry to notice that although Classis in all the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States has a standing committee on Sunday-school work, nevertheless two still hold aloof and are without such committees.

Secondly.—We are exceedingly sorry to note the fact that the Heidelberg Catechism is rapidly being supplanted and crowded out in our current Sunday-school instruction and service, and its memorizing still more rapidly ceasing. We earnestly urge the Board to adopt some practical plan for reinstating this time-honored, martyr-defended, most widely-translated, and exceptionally sound and devotional manual of Christian doctrine, and for arousing interest among scholars and teachers in the work of committing its sublimely simple and profoundly important truths to memory. Pending other methods we commend the suggestion of

the Board to devise a system of rewards. We trust the Board will act, and that right speedily.

Thirdly.—But whilst "Children's Day," an increase in the number of scholars, the recognizing of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the other items mentioned are highly important, there is one matter which your committee deems of infinitely greater and of the highest importance. Systematic Bible study is of the greatest importance, but this is impossible without the fundamental requisite of the Bible itself. One deplorable truth is, as we all know to our sorrow, the Sunday-school scholars *do not have the Bible*, and therefore can not *use* it or learn to use it. The Bible is practically eliminated from the Sunday-schools of to-day, and pieces or fragments of it given to the children instead. Modern Sunday-school methods, instead of stimulating the scholars' interest in the Bible, as they unquestionably ought to do, to the extent of inducing private reading and study, supplant this very excellent and most desirable habit by too languid a dependence upon leaflet and teachers. Of the Bible in its entirety they can learn little or nothing, and unquestionably cannot become familiar in any sense with its use as a book, and with the historical order of its contents. The Bible ought to be the text-book, and the *only* text-book, (supplemented, however, in our Church by the Heidelberg Catechism), for the study of the schools which meet on Sunday. We are unanimous in this, that we deem the reinstatement of this sacred volume, the main object of reform and the *sine qua non* of true advance in Sunday-school methods and work. In the sphere of secular education the best pedagogists have introduced *text-books* in their *entirety* for the scholars to study, with the contents, order and unity of which they are made familiar by ceaseless drilling. Similar methods we feel convinced should speedily be applied and pursued in the work of the school which meets to study and recite on Sunday. It should have a *text-book*, and a copy of that book should be in the hands of every scholar, and that *book* should be studied with all the helps attainable.

Whilst it is the sense of this Synod, therefore, that helps are indispensable and must be furnished to both teachers and scholars, we are of the opinion that the Scripture text should not be printed on these helps. If leaflets and quarterlies had the expository notes, references, illustrations, etc., but not the Scripture passage selected for the given lesson, it would drive both teacher and scholar to the Bible, and compel each one to own an individual copy and to refer to it, a scholarly procedure which, we deeply deplore, *is not done at present*, but which is the glorious aim now had in view, and the grand want felt, we may say, universally in the realm of Sunday-school work.

Your committee commends to your particular attention the operation of the Home Department and the perusal of the little pamphlet by Geo. W. Pease, entitled "Books of the Bible."

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY L. KREBS, *Chairman.*

Rev. G. A. Schwedes was elected as a member of the Sunday-school Board for a term of 5 years.

The Sunday-school Board of Eastern Synod, as now constituted, consists of the following persons: Elder F. G. Hobson, whose term expires October 1, 1896; Elder C. C. Leader, whose term expires October 1, 1897; Elder Jacob H. Stein, whose term expires October 1, 1898; Rev. Jno. S. Stahr, D. D., whose term expires October 1, 1899; Rev. Geo. A. Schwedes, whose term expires November 1, 1900.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1895.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Publication is gratified to report that with each succeeding year evidences multiply of increasing interest and approval in the existing method of conducting the affairs of your publication interests. It is also gratifying to note that many of those who at first conscientiously opposed now join heartily with those who advocated the departure made in 1887 in commending the present plan and the foresight which prompted it.

The publications themselves are favorably criticised, as practically evidenced in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers, especially to the *Messenger*, your chief organ. This particular publication is held in high esteem and justly takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

The business side of the present plan of conducting your publications is so obvious as to preclude further comment.

These features would suggest, therefore, that an interest so well established in favor and prosecuted under conditions so advantageous to the Church should be carefully conserved and its future usefulness and growth not impaired by ill-advised changes or divided support. Believing this, the Board bespeaks for this interest your continued favor and support.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, at which the committee for that purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and the receipts for the year found to be $37,433.80, an increase of $2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed as the basis for the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the $1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At this meeting the Treasurer reported total funds in hand of $10,721.81, of which $996.81 were in cash and $9,725.00 in investments yielding from five to six per cent. interest.

The attention of the respective Synods is called to the expiration on January 1st, 1896, of the term of S. Hoeflich, of Potomac Synod, and B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh Synod.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

Attest:

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, October 1, 1895.

Report of Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee to whom the annual report of the Publication Board was referred submitted its report on Saturday. The report was read and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the United States:

Your Committee on Publication desires to present the following report:

The report of the Board of Publication was the only document referred to us. From this report we learn: That our publication interests were characterized by a very gratifying measure of prosperity and success during the past year. The receipts for the year were $37,433.80, an excess over the previous year of $2,317.41. The Board has now in its hands $10,721.81.

In order that the Board may still more fully realize the purpose of its creation and the degree of success hoped and labored for, it is necessary that our people give their patronage to the business represented by the Board and the publications authorized by the Church.

We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the increasing prosperity of our publication interests and in the growing number of patrons, and especially of subscribers to *The Reformed Church Messenger*, which compares favorably with the best of the religious weeklies of the day.

Resolved, That we urge anew upon our people, especially upon the ministers and elders, the duty to encourage and labor for the increased circulation of our Church periodicals and the larger sales of the books published by the lessee of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HAAS, *Chairman.*

The Report on Printing Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to report that 3,650 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the 148th Annual Sessions of Synod were printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed, according to the rules and instructions in the case, to those who were entitled to receive them. The bill for printing and binding was $247.51, or at the rate of 6½ cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed so have 3,600 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions of Synod, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute the same among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHAN HOME.

The following report of the officers of Bethany Orphan Home was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home.

To the Synod of the East, of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith present to your Reverend Body a copy of the 32d Annual Report of Bethany Orphan Home.

First, however, we would express our gratitude to our kind heavenly Father, who has watched over this family in a wonderful way during the past year. We have received from Him many temporal and spiritual blessings. Yea, all things come by his Fatherly hand.

In addition to the information contained in the report, we beg leave to state that at the present time our family of orphans numbers 107, with 10 more admitted who will shortly enter the Home. These, with others who are earnestly seeking admission, will probably increase the number of our family to 115 or 120 by Christmas. While our financial condition during the past year was probably better than ever before, yet we are at this present time about $1,000 in debt on current expenses. You will notice that this sum is not as large as it usually has been at this season of the year, yet with our large and increasing family to care for, with the winter before us and with scarcely any money coming into the treasury at present, can feel the importance of again asking you to call upon your people for liberal offerings at the coming Christmas season for this work.

Thanking you and the friends throughout the Church for the sympathetic interest, the encouraging words and the liberal assistance in the past, and the trusting in God, the father of the fatherless for direction and support in the future, we are, in behalf of the Board of Managers,

Yours very truly,

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary.*

Report of the Standing Committee on Orphan Home.

The Standing Committee to whom the foregoing document was referred read the following report, which was adopted:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Standing Committee on Orphans Home begs leave to offer the following report:

There has been placed in our hands a copy of the 32d Annual Report of Bethany Orphan Home, together with an accompanying letter of explanation from the Board of Managers. From these documents your committee learns that Bethany Orphan Home is in a more prosperous condition than ever before; that the number of inmates is steadily increasing, and that the deficit which usually accumulates during the summer months is not as large this year as heretofore.

In view of the present condition and needs of the Home, your committee would recommend the following resolutions for the consideration and adoption by Synod:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has learned with feelings of gratitude to God of the present prosperous condition of the Home.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod commends the cause of the orphans of our Church anew to the prayers and liberality of the membership of the Church.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod recommends that special offerings be made in all our Churches and Sunday-schools during the coming Christmas season in behalf of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SCHEIRER, *Chairman.*

Calvin College.

A year ago a special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Drs. F. K. Levan, Jno. H. Sechler and Elder Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph. D., to ascertain more definite information, concerning the status of Calvin College. In response to item 4, in Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was read and adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of securing "more definite and particular information" concerning Calvin College, of Cleveland, Ohio, than was contained in the memorial presented to your reverend body at your last annual meeting by the Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, shortly after their appointment suffered serious loss in the sudden and greatly lamented death of their chairman, who was likewise Synod's President, the Rev. Dr. F. K. Levan. Confident that his experience would have been of great value to them, and deploring the loss of his counsel, your committee have given to the business entrusted to them their best consideration, and beg to report:

That at a conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th and 30th of January, 1895, between a representative of your committee and representatives of like committees, from the Ohio and Pitts-

burg Synods on the one part, and the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and representatives of the Erie Classis of the Central Synod on the other part, the conference having been called at the instance of Erie Classis, the following facts were made clear, viz:

I. That the statement of the above-mentioned memorial as to the importance of the work now being done by Calvin College is substantially correct.

II. That the thorough and satisfactory nature of the training given at Calvin College is fully attested by the fact that the seventeen graduates of this institution and the seventeen other young men who partially took their college course there, and who all are now in the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, uniformly are men of mark, and are preferred to other men for responsible positions in German-English communities.

III. That the memorial does not over-estimate the value of the property now held by Calvin College, nor under-estimate the amount of its liabilities.

IV. That the title to the property now vested in Erie Classis is valid, and that no new* charter will be needed in order to effect the incorporation of the several Synods into its joint ownership.

V. That in the event of your venerable body granting the prayer of Calvin College for financial aid to the amount asked for and under the conditions proposed, in the aforesaid memorial and the appended action of Erie Classis, and thus entering upon a joint ownership and management of that institution along with other Synods and Erie Classis, certain changes in the existing corporation charter will be necessary. Respecting these, your committee begs leave to suggest, as chiefly important, the following:

1. That Article III of the existing charter should be changed so as to read: "The purpose for which said corporation is found, is to organize, establish and maintain an institution of learning for the education of young men for the ministry of the gospel in German-English communities, and in which the different sciences and branches of learning usually included in the curriculum of a college shall be taught," etc.

2. That Article IV. should be changed so as to read: "The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, composed of sixteen members, which shall have full power and authority to appoint a President, professors and instructors of said College, prescribe the different courses of study to be pursued, and branches to be taught," etc.

"Said Board of Trustees shall be elected as follows, viz., eight members by the Erie Classis of the Central Synod, and two each by the Eastern, the Ohio, the Potomac, and the Pittsburgh Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, and for such terms

*According to the laws of Ohio changes in existing charters may be made if the proposed changes are submitted to the Secretary of State, and are by him approved as not inconsistent with the laws of Ohio.

and in such succession as these bodies may conjointly determine," etc.

3. That Article V. should read as follows:

"The President of the College shall not be a member of the Board of Trustees, but shall have the right to be present at all its meetings, and to speak on any question which may come up for consideration and discussion;" and that Article V. of the existing charter should then become Article VI.

4. That the proposed changes in the corporation charter should be so made, when they are made, that further changes will not be necessary, should the Central Synod take the place now held by Erie Classis.

Your committee would also affirm its conviction that the cause for which Calvin College stands is eminently worthy of, and should receive, the amount of pecuniary aid asked for; but that, furthermore, if the demand for specially trained men to serve as ministers of the gospel in German-English communities should at some future time pass away, the relation of your reverend body to Calvin College should in that event cease, unless for reasons not now apparent.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER,
JOHN B. KIEFFER.

LANCASTER, PA., August 24, 1895.

The following action was adopted in the consideration of the report on Calvin College:

Resolved, That this Synod returns its hearty thanks to the committee for the full and satisfactory report on the proposed joints ownership of Calvin College.

Resolved, That Synod make an appropriation of $300 for the use of Calvin College.

Resolved, That an order for $35 be granted on the Treasurer for expenses incurred by the committee in visiting Calvin College and in making investigation, as to the legality of entering into joint ownership with the aforesaid institution.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

On item 1st, under the head of Requests in Report of Minutes of Classes, certain action is requested of Synod to confirm the action taken by Schulykill Classis at its annual meeting, dividing said Classis by making the Blue Mountain the boundary line, and forming of the southern territory a new Classis, to be known as the Classis of Reading. In compliance with this request the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod grants the request of Schuylkill Classis to be divided.

Resolved, That Synod hereby directs Schuylkill Classis to meet at an early day and dismiss all the ministers whose congregations and charges are located in the territory of the contemplated new Classis for the purpose of organizing another Classis.

Resolved, That the ministers thus dismissed, together with their delegated elders, meet in special session in the First Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., within two months after their dismission, at the call of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., for the purpose of affecting an organization, at which meeting Dr. B. Bausman is to preside.

On item 3d, under the head of Requests in the Report on Minutes of Classes, referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Jno. G. Noss, D. E. Schoedler and Jno. H. Sechler. A report was presented suggesting the following course of action, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There seems to be more or less of doubt, as to the wisdom, even if not the constitutionality of the action taken a year ago, in regard to Synod entertaining itself, because it involves questions of right and expediency, which concern and may confront the whole Church in the near future; therefore

Resolved, That Synod respectfully overture the General Synod to render a deliverance on the following:

1. Can a Consistory under the constitution invite a higher judicatory of the Church, to meet within the bounds of the congregation it represents, without making provision for the free entertainment of the members of such judicatory?

2. If such right exists, has the judicatory to which delegates are sent, or have the judicatories by which delegates are elected, the perogative to determine by whom the expenses of such entertainment shall be paid?

Committee to Suggest an Improved Method of Business for Synod.

The President appointed the following persons as a committee to suggest an improved method of conducting the business of Synod, namely: Revs. Jno. P. Stein, C. S. Weand, D. E. Schoedler, N. Z. Snyder and Jno. H. Sechler, D. D.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nomination, to whom were referred all items concerning vacancies on the various Boards, reported on Friday. The following is the report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully reports that the following papers were referred to it:

1. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Synod. From this we learn that the term of Rev. W. J. Johnson expires

January 1, 1896, and that the Board proposes to this Synod the names of Elder Louis Kramer, of Reading, and Elder D. B. Mauger, of Douglassville, one to be selected to fill the vacancy.

2. A communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, informing this Synod that the term of Rev. A. C. Whitmer as Superintendent of Missions for the Eastern and Potomac Synods will expire September 3d, 1896, and calling the attention of Synod to the necessity of nominating at their meeting a suitable person to fill the office, so as to enable the Board of Missions to elect a successor at its annual meeting in April, 1896.

3. A communication from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, recommending Charles Santee and John D. Skiles for re-election as members of said Board.

4. A communication from the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools stating that the term of Rev. Geo. W. Richards expires with this session of Synod.

Your committee submits the following nominations for your consideration:

1. For the Board of Trustees of Synod: Elders Louis Kramer and D. B. Mauger, one to be chosen for a term of 5 years.

2. For Superintendent of Home Missions of the Bi-Synodic Board, we place before you for nomination the name of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, term 3 years.

3. Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, two to be chosen for a term of 10 years, Charles Santee, John D. Skiles, Jeremiah S. Hess, J. J. Nissley.

4. For the Standing Committee on Sunday-school term 5 years, Rev. Geo. W. Richards, Allentown, Pa., Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Bethlehem, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*

The election for Trustee of Synod was made the order of the day on Friday at 3 P. M., and for the rest of the ticket Saturday at 10:30 A. M. At the first election Elders F. G. Hobson and C. W. Myers were appointed tellers, and at the second election Revs. Chas. E. Schaeffer and B. H. Roth were appointed to act in that capacity. At the time of the election the tickets were distributed, the roll was called and the ballot taken. The results were reported by the tellers to the President, who announced the names of the persons duly elected. The results of the election are recorded in Article XIII., on College and Theological Seminary; Article XIV., on Missions; Article XV., on Finance, and Article XVIII., on Sunday-schools.

Report on Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. B. H. Roth, J. J. Stauffer and Elder J.G. Moyer, a committee on Excuses. At the close of the session the report was read and

adopted. It is as follows: Your Committee on Leave of Absence report the following members of Synod as excused: Elders W. C. Estler, L. D. Rutherford, J. C. Krider, W. Bachman, Jos. Obert, Geo. W. Walton, Daniel Klinger, J. L. J. Stendt, J. B. Kieffer, J. F. Ambler, L. Bauman, Daniel Miller, Samuel Klopp, M. H. Master, Revs. O. P. Steckel H. J. Welker, C. E. Schaeffer, Adam J. Bachman, A. S Bromer, W. J. Muir.

Shamokin and Mt. Carmel Electric Railway Company.

The courtesy of this Company was extended to members of Synod, by Contractor Geo. W. Smith to accept of a ride over their lines of railway on Monday afternoon. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and after Synods adjourned a number of its members embraced the privilege and enjoyed the ride over the mountains.

Society for Relief of Ministers.

An annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, noted in the 5th item of the Report of Committee on Overtures, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. M. L. Firor, M. H. Diefenderfer and Elder Wm. H. Buck.

The Report of the Society is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHERN: Inclosed find the annual statement of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," which please incorporate with the printed minutes of your venerable body. As Treasurer, allow me to state that the following Classes have given the sums set opposite their names, to wit:

Philadelphia Classis	$144.27	Schuylkill Classis	$131.00
East Pennsylvania Classis .	110.00	Lebanon Classis	65.00
Lehigh Classis	65.00	Tohickon Classis	65.00
East Susquehanna Classis .	48.15	Lancaster Classis	23.45
West Susquehanna Classis	18.53—Making in all $670.40.		

The Society in the past year has paid to twenty annuitants within the bounds of the Synod $1,030.00—that is to say $359.60 more than received. Of the new applicants for the coming year one is a disabled minister from your Synod.

In view of the above facts, may I not ask for greater liberality and a more general giving on the part of the different Classes within your bounds. The cause of relief is one of the noblest, and well worthy of attention. With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations I am yours as laborer in the service of our common Lord and Master,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers

presents for publication in the Minutes of the Eastern Synod, the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year closing September 30, 1895:

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury as per last report	$2,796.34
" from matured loan	2,000.00
" " collections in the churches	1,442.47
" " royalty on Church Hymnal	715.80
" " interest on investments	647.50
" " Pittsburgh Synod, special	325.00
" " miscellaneous sources	221.66
Total	$8,148.77

Expenditures.

Paid forty-two annuitants	$2,633.42
" for investment	2,000.00
" " expenses	138.72
Cash in the Treasury September 30, 1895	3,376.63
Total	$8,148.77

Of the cash in the Treasury all, possibly, will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting, October 22, 1895, as there will be at least five new applicants.

In the past year the membership of the Society was increased by the addition of twenty life members and one annual member, as follows:

Life Members: Revs. Josiah May, John Naille, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D.D., Alfred F. Driesbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. Macalister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, Wm. J. Kershner, Reuben Rahauser, Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., William G. Engle, Oliver H. Strunck, Hiram J. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, George B. Resser and George P. Stem.

Annual Member: Rev. Sigismund Romeis.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Pa.
Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Report of Committee on the Society for Relief of Ministers, Etc.

The special committee to whom was referred the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc., presented its report on Saturday, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred the annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, together with a statement of the Treasurer of the same Society, submit with those papers the following as their report:

We recommend the following for your adoption:

Resolved, 1. That it gives Synod great pleasure to note the

steady increase in the membership of the Society and the great amount of good done by it.

Resolved, 2. That Synod expresses its regret that the amount of contributions made within its bounds does not equal the amount expended within its limits by the Society.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the foregoing facts, Synod earnestly requests and urges upon all the Classes greater liberality toward this noble cause.

Resolved, 4. That the Classes be requested to make it a standing rule to direct all the pastors and charges within their bounds to lift an offering for this Society, either on Thanksgiving Day or the Sunday nearest to the foregoing date, excepting those Classes that are in the habit of making regular apportionments for this object.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FIROR, *Chairman.*

Allentown College for Women.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod herewith reiterates its action adopted a year ago relative to the Allentown College for Women, emphasizing the request to pastors to send to the President of College, if he so requests, the name and address of young ladies who might be procured as students in the institution.

Wichita University.

The 6th item in Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. D. E. Schoedler, Thomas M. Yundt and Elder J. B. Kieffer. The Report was read on Monday morning's session and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

Report of the special committee on the Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your special committee to which was referred the Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University begs leave to offer the following report:

From the document placed in its hands your committee learns that the entire indebtedness of the University is $12,495.91; that the Board of Trustees are of one mind as to the necessity of an educational institution in the West for our Church, and that in spite of past disasters and present unhappy conditions, the Board believes that with a new beginning now, with the practical sympathy of the Church East, there will yet be a result here that will prove an honor to the Church of our Fathers and of great account in making for Christian culture in the West. However, in view of all the facts in the case, Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That Synod cannot see its way clear at this time to grant the request of the Board of Wichita University.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

Intemperance.

The following communication with appended resolutions was read and adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, Intemperance degrades its victims, destroying all his finer sensibilities and brutalizing him to such an extent so that he shall not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, and

WHEREAS, Intemperance is the prolific mother of so many vices which efface the divine image from the soul, and

WHEREAS, Intemperance is the cause of sorrow and misery, ruining homes, inciting to murder, so that violence fills the land, cursing the progeny of its victims for generations to come, and

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a terrible danger, threatening destruction to our free institutions by rendering its subjects incapable of casting a free and independent ballot, and

WHEREAS, All kinds of liquor are known to be adulterated to such an extent that they are highly destructive to health and life, therefore

Resolved, That Synod deeply depricates the widespread destruction of morals, happiness and life resulting from the excessive use of liquors.

Resolved, That Synod earnestly urges all persons within its jurisdiction to abstain from using intoxicants as a beverage.

Resolved, That the liquor traffic is to-day the heaviest clog upon the progress, and one of the deepest disgraces of the nineteenth century, we therefore charge all our people not to engage in the manufacture or traffic of liquors as a beverage—and further,

Resolved, That Synod at the same time recognizes and emphasizes the fact that all true temperance is based on the new creation in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and that only those who are apprehended by His life and spirit as present in His mystical body, the Church, are in a position to obtain a full and final victory over all the evils that beset our fallen human nature.

Report of Reporters to the Press.

The reporters of the proceedings of Synod, appointed by the President at the opening of the sessions, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of Synod would beg leave to state that it has endeavored to perform its duty. The proceedings were reported to the three city papers, viz: "Shamokin Daily Herald," "Shamokin Daily News" and the "Shamokin Daily Dispatch." Through the local correspondents and the Associated Press reporter, the proceedings were also reported to the several daily papers of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. G. B. SMITH,

REV. J. S. HARTMAN, REV. M. L. FIROR,

REV. C. H. BRANDT, ELDER E. H. BURKHOLDER.

Selection of Place for Next Synod.

Invitations were received by the Synod, as noted in the Report on Overtures, from the pastors of the churches at Stroudsburg, Bethlehem, Scranton and Millersville, to hold its next annual sessions in their midst.

The selection of place was made the order of the day on Saturday at 10 A. M., when a vote was taken and the tally kept by the Corresponding Secretary, which election resulted in the choice of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the invitation of Christ Church extended to Synod to hold its next annual sessions in Bethlehem be accepted, and that its delegates be entertained in the families of the congregation; and further

Resolved, That the action of last year's Synod be so interpreted as not to exclude the acceptance of the invitation given for free entertaiment.

Time of next Annual Meeting of Synod.

The following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The preliminary meeting of Coetus, or Synod of Reformed Church, was held at Philadelphia, October 12, 1746, which was the founding of the Mother Synod of our Church; therefore

Resolved, That on final adjournment Synod adjourn to meet in 150th sessions on Wednesday, October 7, 1896, and devote a portion of its time to the Sesqui Centenial Celebration of said event, that also in connection therewith the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution be observed at the services appointed by the Committee.

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of three to prepare a program of services and addresses for the appropriate observance of Sesqui and Semi-Centenial Anniversaries.

The President appointed Revs. G. A. Schwedes, J. H. Dubbs, D.D., and D. Shierer as the Committee to carry out the above instructions.

Having learned of the afflictions of several of the ministers of this Synod, the following resolution of sympathy was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod expresses its sorrow in the continued affliction resting upon faithful ministers within its bounds, viz.: Revs. C. Z. Weiser, D.D., A. J. S. Dubbs, D.D., and Wm. G. Engle, and while sending to them its greetings it also extends its heartfelt sympathy, praying the Blessed Head of the Church, if it be His will that they may be restored to health and strength and years of active service.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the several brethren by the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were read and adopted :

Resolved, That Synod expresses its cordial thanks, for the hospitable use of their beautiful church and committee rooms, to St. John's Church, Shamokin, Pa., in which the pleasant sessions and services of our 149th Annual Meeting were held. That the pastor loci be requested to convey the thanks of Synod to his consistory and members.

Resolved, That we also express our thanks to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and to the Central Railroad of New Jersey for granting excursion rates to delegates to Synod and to the papers of the city in which were published the proceedings of Synod, and to the local hotels and boarding houses for reduced rates to delegates, and to the pastor loci for his kindly attention to the needs of Synod and its delegates.

The Synodical roll was then called and those who failed to respond to the calling of their names, were noted as having been excused.

The Minutes were then read finally and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted during the session on Monday forenoon, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally it be to meet in annual sessions in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., on Wednesday, October 7, 1896, at 7:30 P. M. Synod adjourned on Monday at 11:30 A. M., October 21st, with the singing of a hymn, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer and the doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JONATHAN H. PANNEBECKER, *President.*
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.
JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS—May 13, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Names	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	592	451	38	1	26	9	492	9		2	38	4	26	398		$279	$1498	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D	Farmersville	3	580	260	28		9	2	412	6		2	9	4	40	250		128	1582	9	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	101	30	8				75	2			5	2	20	135		45	300	5	Bath, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. Lafayette Col.																				Easton, Pa.
Horace Daniel	Superannuated																				Washington, N. J.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Eng'd in Bible work																				Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	379	150	27	2	26	8	305	4			1	1	33	360	1	228	1475	9	Easton, Pa.
Thos. A. Huber*																					Hazleton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	847	592	32		22	3	600	6			32	5	56	450		209	1550	12	Bath, Pa.
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	700	400	34		56	6	480	3			17	6	45	420	2	262	1200	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff	Without charge																				Hamburg, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	611	360	42		18		471	11		18	18	6	52	339		200	1147	12	Effort, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	Third St., Easton	1	552	175	10	1	27	10	407	5			13	3	47	338		1683	5104	14	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasauqua	1	290	153	24		15	13	245	2		14	5	1	29	222	1	260	1212	14	Catasauqua, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	269	113	5			2	151	2			11	1	23	125		141	1014	7	Bath, Pa.
John Wolf'ach	Without charge																				Catasauqua, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	437	140	21	2	9	6	402	5			14	3	31	350		225	1160	16	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A Schwedes	Christ Church, Bath	1	504	190	13		9	35	420	4		18	12	1	48	322	1	560	3335	16	Bethlehem, Pa.
Silas F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	618	542	19		63		460				14	3	35	330	2	148	950	6	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	464	450	27	2	7	8	300	2		25	10	1	34	325		60	1500	12	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	385	218	21			5	320	2			15	1	18	160		108	735	10	Bethlenem, Pa.
W. H. Wotring	Dryland	2	625	375	32		3	28	530	1		3	23	4	35	400	1	190	2670	12	Nazareth, Pa.
Geo. J. Lisberger	Plainfield	2	385	165	25		18	6	332	4			16	3	40	200		103	1200	12	Bath, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	2	270	150	16		8	15	205	4		6	8	2	54	325		250	1645	20	Bethlehem, Pa.
James B. May†	Bangor	2	315	205	18		4	21	300	2			7	2	37	230		177	2028	11	Bangor, Pa.
L. M. Kershner	Towamensing	3	463	245	33		17	6	400	4			14	3	30	279	1	114	900	20	Parryville, Pa.
O. P. Steckel	Grace, Easton	1	180	130	12		3	3	120	1			4	1	22	130		61	1158	7	Easton, Pa.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D.D.	Stroudsburg	1	100	60	2		9	15	84	1		4	2	1	17	110		62	663	8	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	Tannersville	4	328	150	33	4	34		240	5			5	4	50	205	1	52	787	8	Tannersville, Pa.
Irwin M. Bachman	East Mauch Chunk	1	148	49	21	1	19	10	112	5		29	9	1	21	205	1	13	1874	6	E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
A. H. Hibschman, supply‡	Hamilton	2	183	140	2				130	4			3	2	20	200		11	300	8	E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
John F. DeLong, supply	Rittersville	1	150	90	2		11	3	95	4			5	1	10	75		50	300	6	
Thomas H. Krick§	Weissport	2	270	135	36	1		8	199	1		9	7	2	33	337		64	799	8	Weissport, Pa.
E. L. Kemp	Prof. Stroudsburg N. S.																				E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Lic. Thos. A. Fenstermaker																					Philadelphia, Pa.
Min. 32. Lic. 2.	Total	51	10746	6148	581	14	413	222	287	99		130	317	68	906	7220	11	$5683	$38086	286	

*Received from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, June 5, 1895. † Name erased August 12, 1895. ‡ Dismissed to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, August 12, 1895.
§ Received from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod, and call to Weissport confirmed June 5, 1895. Ordained and installed July 7, 1895.

LEBANON CLASSIS—May 20, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation'l Purposes.		
Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D.	Annville	4	561	300	30	5	25	7	510	4			26	4	65	350	2	$1237	$1800	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1500	950	67	2	86	15	1391	30		25	47	17	100	600	2	435	2500	12	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without Charge																				Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	"																				Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	"																				Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.
Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	270	100	23				274	1			10	2	20	155		42	585	10	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Shaefferstown	5	815	825	96	5	26	15	650	1		5	39	7	70	625		282	1800	25	Shaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	726	323	38	8	57	12	622	6			29	5	22	255		215	4680	20	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1200	650	73	2	72		1110				51	6	86		1	340	1200	20	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	550	405	20		73	10	510	18		18	35	4	51	310	2	150	1665	24	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1000	500	39	2	2		877	20			30	7	65	420	3	375	1500	16	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	63	82	2	2	13	1	59	9		9	1	1	8	97		99	600	6	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D. D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	867	800	25	2	17	1	520	41			24	1	66	760		650	2500	24	1024 Chestnut St., Leba'n, Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	734	335	42	1	35	1	654		2	45	25	5	65	350		62	1250	24	228 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St. John's, Lebanon	1	353	180	13		11	1	280	2			4	1	41	255	1	662	3673	15	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Myerstown	1	600	119	12	1	12	3	445			2	4	1	50	349		236	1020	10	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	416	225	27	3	30	32	367			33	8	1	40	475	1	223	3667	10	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	Bethel	4	648	328	29	2	28	3	565				14	4	39	374	1	210	1512	20	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.
U. H. Heilman	Without Charge																				Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
	Swatara *	4	471	260	20			2	372	50		3	13	4	31	320		176	905	24	
	Belleman†	1																			
	Grace Church, Avon‡	1	36											1	25	155					
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																				Lancaster, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Elmer E. H. Leinbach	"																				Leinbach's, Berks Co., Pa.
Ministers, 19. Licentiates, 2.	Chgs, 16; Congs sup, 2.	52	10810	6382	556	85	487	103	9206	202	2	140	360	71	844	5870	13	$5885	$30857	280	

*Served part of the year by Rev. J. A. Wickert †Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler. ‡Rev. H. J. Welker appointed Supply.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS—May 14, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
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H. W. Super, D. D. L. L. D.	Without Charge																				Collegeville, Pa.
E. D. Shoemaker	" "																				1024 Oxford St., Phila.
Joseph H. Hendrick	Collegeville	2	325		3	14	19	11	308	8			7	3	46	463	3	$718	$1659	22	Collegeville, Pa.
Cyrus Cort, D. D.	St. John's, Delaware	1	75		13	3	7	4	55	4		3	1	1	15	90		27	312	5	Wyoming, Delaware.
Cyrus Cort, D. D., supply	St. Paul's, Md	1	108		7		10	5	90					1	16	115		63	333	7	" "
Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.	Pub. Ch. Periodicals																				907 Arch St., Phila
James Crawford, D. D	Christ Church	1	200	50	6		5	8	170	5			2	1	16	125		928	3500	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Deitrich	St. Luke's, North Wales	1	205	40	9	7	11	3	173	2			7	1	22	226		522	1400	15	Flourtown, Pa.
John H. Sechler, D. D.	First Church, Phila	1	229	34	10	7	12	15	208	5		14	7	1	30	203	3	534	2714	16	714 N. 15th St., Phila.
Henry T. Spangler, D. D.	Pres't of Ursinus College.																				Collegeville, Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without Charge																				Montgomery Square, Pa.
David N. Dittmar	Whitemarsh	1	216	69	3				137	1			3	1	7	35		160		12	Fort Washington, Pa.
Chas H. Coon	Trinity, Phila	1	524		16	8	28	23	405	14		20	9	1	35	500	2	776	10284	18	1541 N. 7th St., Phila.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	231	68	5	18	23	15	184			2	6	1	28	239		188	2038	10	Norristown, Pa.
David U. Wolff	Boehm's	1	292	83	8	7	13	7	273	5			9	1	24	152	1	260		15	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co , Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Ascension	1	434	174	13	9	26	16	343	11		5	4	2	59	395		1801	2923	12	Norristown, Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman	Heidelberg	1	779	350	15	24	56	45	693	35		17	15	1	58	804	4	1200	5622	15	1635 N. 19th St., Phila,
Henry A. Bomberger	Bethany Tabernacle.	1	70	18	1	6	10	60	69					1	13	201			863	6	2345 N. 21st St., "
Silas L. Messinger	Pleasantville	1	258	103	5	9	13		213	11			4	1	21	167	3	254	1670	7	Eureka, Pa.
John A. Mertz	St. Vincent and Linfield.	2	217	87	12		2	4	185	6		1	4	2	38	245	1	108	1600	18	Linfield, Montgomery Co., Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman	St. Luke's	1	292	25	6	3		9	215				5	1	25	155	1	501	1878	10	Collegeville, Pa.
Wilson Delaney	Bethel	1	180	70	30	2	16	9	110	15		15	1	1	19	284	2	27	1050	12	2110 Tasker St., Phila.
Geo. H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	132	77	2	1	2	2	113				2	2	23	173		74	999	12	Pottstown, Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck	Without Charge																				
C. U. O. Derr	First Ch., Spring City	1	252	20		7	3	7	182	4		9	2	1	34	300		384	3574	12	Spring City, Pa.
Henry Tesnow	Without Charge																				Denver, Col.
A. S Bromer	Grace	1	274	98	15	4	20	26	246	5		13	1	1	41	421		334	4435	15	614 Diamond St., Phila.
Henry H. Apple	St. John's, Phila	1	160	45	10	2	7	18	127	6		19	3	1	14	117		140	1448	12	4121 Powelton Ave., Phila.
Ed. F. Wiest	East Vincent	1	131	45	28	11	17	18	112	1			6	1	21	179		237	883	12	Phoenixville, Pa.
Jesse H. String	Calvary	1	64	24	22		4	7	43	8		27		1	17	174		23	790	4	2734 Lehigh Ave., Phila,
F. Edge Kavanagh	Prof. in Ursinus College																				Collegeville, Pa.
Frank N. Bleiler	Brownback's.	2	225	5	3	15	19	4	181	3			9	2	35	216		102	753	16	Slonaker, Pa.
E. W. Middleton	Tioga	1	24	4	4	1	2	22	24					1	8	55		50	366	3	1519 Cambridge St., Phila.
Emmet C. Sult	St. Matthew's	2	218	22	2	11	11	5	158	4			4	2	37	242		210	1254	18	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Samuel Seem	St. John's, Phoenixville.	1	130	33	11	1	1	4	110			21	2	1	18	182		80	1070	12	Phoenixville, Pa.
W. Albert Korn, supply	Pikeland	1	43						38					1		60		25	412	5	Exton, Pa.
Vacant	St. Mark's	1	103	63		4	4	2	96	1				3	41	287			587	6	Prospectville, Pa.
Vacant	Messiah	1	177	60	30	9	34	22	163	4		15	2	1	31	360		38	1207	10	
Ministers, 35.		34	6568	1667	289	183	378	371	5424	158		181	115	39	792	7165	20	$9764	$56624	314	

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Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.	St. Stephen's	1	85	10	1			4	84	3			1					$206 74	$207 88	7	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore Appel, D. D.	Author																				Lancaster, Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	Without charge																				Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D. D.	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	67	25	1	1	5	2	49				2	1	18	73		50 00	650 00	6	H'rrisb'rg, D'phin Co., Pa.
Thomas G. Apple, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y																				Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Titzel, D. D.	First Church, Lancaster	1	474	159	17	3	10	4	360				11	1	37	268		425 00	3217 00	16	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																				Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D. D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y																				Lancaster, Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions																				Lancaster, Pa.
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	323	220	7	10	12	3	252	4			7	3	44	225	1	334 00	840 00	25	New Holland, Lan. Co., Pa
Darius W. Gerhard.	Willow Street	3	444	135	14	16	23	4	375	5		4	13	3	62	417	1	443 66	1309 00	22	Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick Pilgram	Bethany	3	231	182	3	2	2	2	146	2		7	4	2	20	238		86 59	1336 00	14	Lititz, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer§	Muddy Creek	4	668	345	40	4	23	2	569	6			23	4	52	315		121 00	1175 00	8	Ephrata, Lanc. Co , Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer	Salem, Harrisburg	1	401	99	8	3	6	4	293	14		10	9	1	43	323		600 00	2802 00	20	Harrish'g, D'phin Co., Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	Fourth Church, Harisb'rg	1	65	90	13	3	4	8	62	1			7	1	15	250		103 00	400 00	10	Harrish'g, D'phin Co , Pa.
John S. Stahr, Ph. D., D. D.	Prof. F. & M. College																				Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Souder	New Providence	2	270	155	9	10	24	5	241	1			5	2	28	205		158 00	5500 00	13	N. Prcvidence, Lan. Co., Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker	Trinity, Columbia	1	335	200	18	7	20	7	235	4		3	4	1	25	336		220 00	1350 00	10	Columbia, Lanc. Co., Pa.
William F. Lichliter	St. Luke's, Lancaster	1	220	236	47	3	17	4	146	6			23	3	62	570		119 00	1122 00	10	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, Ph. D.	Missionary to Japan																				Sendai, Japan.
Newton J. Miller	Without charge																				Lancaster, Pa.
*Geo. Merle Zacharias	Without charge																				Baltimore, Md.
David B. Schneder	Missionary to Japan																				Sendai, Japan.
Jairus A. Wickert	Reamstown	4	413	267	8	3	10	18	309	5		3	8	4	46	365		287 00	1034 00	24	Denver, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Benjamin F. Bausman	Without charge																				Millersville, Pa.
Henry H. Sangree	First Church, Steelton	1	150	70	6	7	9	6	105	4		1	1	1	30	210		103 00	1020 00	12	Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa.
†Rufus W. Miller	S. S. General Secretary																				Reading, Pa.
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lancaster	1	588	250	6	17	49	38	520	3		3	13	1	52	600	4	457 00	3589 00	16	Lancaster, Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman	Second Ch., Harrisburg	1	180	110	8	8	8	4	148	8		5	7	2	55	488		275 00	1370 00	22	Harrisburg, Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																				Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt	Prof in F. & M. Col.																				Lancaster, Pa.
Charles E. Wehler	Manheim	2	275	33	2	14	23	14	246	3			4	2	54	328	1	221 00	1272 00	15	Manheim, Lanc. Co., Pa.
B. Howard Roth	Millersville	2	294	110	6	8	17	3	251	3		2	5	2	36	231		184 00	1058 00	17	Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer	Elizabethtown	1	170	45	9	12	18	1	135			1	6	1	20	99		125 00	615 00	12	Elizabeht'n, Lan. Co., Pa.
Ellis S. Hay	Maytown	1	111	60	4	6	16	4	88	4			2	1	24	95		75 00	1005 00	6	Maytown, Lanc. Co., Pa.
J. Grant Walters	Hummelstown	2	168	96	11	3	6	12	143	5		5	1	2	25	265	1	650 00	850 00	12	Hummelst'n, Daup. Co. Pa.
Frank L. Kerr	Shoop's	3	191	40	7	9	21	23	156	1			5	3	34	370		125 00	3600 00	13	Penbrook, Dauph. Co., Pa.
William Yenser	Marietta	1	141	100	10	2	9	3	102	4			7	1	18	159		41 00	604 00	10	Marietta, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Ministers, 38.	23.	41	6264	3037	255	146	332	175	5015	86		44	168	42	800	6430	8	$5310 00	35925 88	320	

* Rev. George Merle Zacharias dismissed to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Oct. 5, 1895. Licentiate Carl F. Dewitz dismissed to Dakota Classis, Synod of Chicago, Reformed Church in North America, Oct. 5, 1895. † Rev. Rufus W. Miller dismissed to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod, June 6, 1895.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS—June 10-13, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms. Infants.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Rudolph Duenger, D. D	Retired																				Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	400	230	44		33	3	379	27			17	7	46	217		$182 00	$781 00	25	Mahanoy, North'd Co., Pa.
George B. Dechant	Numidia	2	240	210	9		10		235				12	3	23	325		135 00	700 00	18	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	335	132	13		15	20	300	15		9	7	1	36	295		609 00	1611 00	10	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	274	130	18		6	4	252	3			3	4	18	90		82 00	1165 00	10	" " "
Simon P. Brown	Uniontown	4	450	200	42		27		390	2			12	4	30	343		309 00	800 00	20	Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	447	216	69		56		302	2		6	34	5	63	245		101 00	1450 00	16	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John A. Danner	Mt. Carmel	4	265	180	27	3	37	7	238	40			9	4	36	230		149 00	1100 00	20	Mt. Carmel, North'd Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich	Line Mountain	5	323	280	30		14	5	252				9	5	30	130	1	96 00	510 00	5	Line Mountain, " "
Raymond E. Butz	Catawissa,	1	161	75	23	2	13	19	146	7		8	5	1	15	166	1	178 00	870 00	12	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Charles B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	734	630	130	3	65	23	613	1		1	26	1	53	800	1	680 00	11913 00	20	Shamokin, North'd Co., Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	558	440	37	3	42	2	457	5			17	4	49	400	2	492 00	1035 00	17	Elizabethville, Daup'n Co., Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel	Tower City	3	124	80	6		7	1	78				4	3	25	161		52 00	1090 00	15	Lykens, " "
Isaac M. Shaeffer	Ashland	1	408	374	57		38	15	381	4		10	14	1	28	290		427 00	1485 00	12	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Armstrong Valley	6	233	151	24	1	22	8	162				7	6	84	134		85 00	898 00	21	Enders, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John W. Reinecke	Millersburg	3	814	208	10	1	23	2	264	2			7	3	62	496	1	214 00	1057 00	18	Millersburg, " "
Oliver F. Shaeffer	Deep Creek	5	268	94	33		25	4	223	2			17	5	52	393		82 00	4456 00	25	Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Vacant	Mainville																				
Samuel Kuhn	Retired																				Elizabethville, D'phin Co., Pa.
Supply—O. F. Schaeffer	St. Michael's	1	23	10	8				19				2	1	6	35		8 00	100 00		
" By Committee	Emanuel's, St. Matthew's, Salem's	3	145	66	6			6	133	4			1	1	10	36	1	63 00	140 00	6	
" I. M. Schaeffer	St. John's	1	24	20	7				12				1	1		25		10 00	300 00	4	
Ministers, 18.	Charges, 17.	58	5737	3726	593	13	453	119	4836	114		34	204	60	666	4812	7	3954 00	31261 00	274	

Dismissed—Licentiate Harry N. Bassler to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod, November 13, 1894.
Received—Rev. Samuel Kuhn from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, June 11, 1895.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS—October 16, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Bapt'ms. Infants.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.	Prin. Penn Hall Academy																				Spring Mills, Pa.
William W. Clouser	Without charge																				White Deer Mills, Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	435	385	27	4	19		415	10			19	6	35	420		$295	$1300	13	Selinsgrove, Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	5	582	228	16		30	2	498	5		7	12	5	39	388		366	959	42	Beaver Springs, Pa.
John Dotterer	Disabled																				Lamar, Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	422	287	22	3	15	15	373	15		1	9	4	47	234	1	358	940	22	Boalsburg, Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Centre Hall	4	352	171	14	1	13	13	322	13			8	4	52	306	2	293	1131	20	Centre Hall, Pa.
James R. Brown	Rebersburg	5	350	165	27	1	20	2	310	5		1	16	5	47	295	1	190	1605	25	Rebersburg, Pa.
J. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	5	396	190	29	4	37	18	356	5			10	5	58	411		226	2100	15	New Berlin, Pa.
*Irwin W. Hendricks	Lewisburg	1	256	180	5	1	3	3	215	6		17	4	1	21	225		343	905	15	Lewisburg, Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Aaronsburg	5	299	223	25	4	26	16	255	9			9	5	65	314	1	283	1079	26	Aaronsburg, Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	3	487	245	8	2	24	8	425	4			8	3	44	330		500	1835	24	Mifflinburg, Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	270	150	24	15	35	6	233	1			3	1	25	230		135	1350	12	Lock Haven, Pa.
Marion L. Firor	St. John, Williamsport	1	250	105	11	1	19	24	197	6			6	1	25	212		193	1727	20	Williamsport, Pa.
James Riley Bergey	White Deer	3	224	249	8	4	27	22	293	1			5	3	44	343		154	970	25	West Milton, Pa.
Charles M. Smith	Nittany Valley	5	256	131	9			4	184	9			6	5	52	246		188	600	25	Heblersburg, Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart, D. D.	Bellefonte	2	275	120	7		9	10	255	3			5	2	27	175		1300	1394	16	Bellefonte, Pa.
†Gerney Weber	Licentiate																				Rebersburg, Pa.
‡H. H. Spohn	Liverpool	7	285	180					218											14	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.
Supply	Montgomery	1	16	3			1		16	2				1	8	42			20	4	Montgomery, Pa.
		59	5255	3014	232	40	278	143	4565	94		26	120	51	589	4171	5	$4824	$17915	318	

* Dismissed July 4, 1895, to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod. † Dismissed to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, June 25, 1895. ‡ Received July 4th, 1895, from Goshenhopen Classis.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS—May 21, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations	Members.	Unconfirmed. Members.	Bapt'ms. Infants.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Additions Confirmed.	Additions Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Without Charge																				East Greenville, Pa.
L. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	785	650	65	5	35	17	680	15			32	2	67	775	1	$529	$2816	20	Pottstown, "
Augus L. Dechant	Without Charge																				Pennsburg, "
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	520	210	26			4	442	10			24	2	24	300	1	283	1100	14	Skippackville, "
Eli Keller, D. D.	Zionsville	4	950	520	50	1	71	5	858	5			36	4	54	453		358	1830	26	Zionsville, "
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	789	461	61		30	2	642	2			40	5	30	258	2	414	1304	16	Oley,
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	378	250	20		26	17	308	1		17	11	1	35	260		155	970	10	Pottstown, "
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	2	611	445	24		27	10	422	11			20	7	33	356		442	1510	16	Boyertown, "
Lawrence D. Leberman	Without Charge																				Girard Ave. & 7th St., Phila.
J. Lucian Roush	Old Goshenhoppen	4	973	430	37	10	55	17	734	17		4	25	5	129	614	4	714	1502	26	Pennsburg, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Royersford	1	105	69	9	2	8	10	82	6		5	1	1	27	175		114	507	9	Royersford, "
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	3	557	283	25	3	27	1	482	2			6	3	49	285		198	1614	12	Boyertown, "
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	751	300	33	1	30	9	652	6		51	26	1	42	384		1198	3071	14	East Greenville, "
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	476	139	18	13	20	8	423	11			4	2	41	225	1	145	970	10	Schwenksville, "
Thos. H. Leinbach	Gr't Swamp.-Chest. Hill	2	510	240	18		9	5	450	2			12	2	60	370	1	803	3000	18	Spinnerstown, "
	Hill	2	335						292					2		115					Hill Church, "
William G. Engle	Without Charge																				Williamsport, "
J. Abner Hunsicker,	Licentiate																				Schwenksville, "
Howard H. Spohn*	"																				Spangsville, "
Ministers, 16; Licentiates, 2.	Charges, 13.	29	7740	3997	386	35	338	105	6467	88		77	237	37	591	4670	10	$5253	$20194	191	

*Licentiate Spohn was dismissed to West Susquehanna Classis, May 22, 1895.

TOHICKON CLASSIS—May 27, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
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David Rothtrock	Without charge																				Bethlehem, Pa.
Levi C. Sheip	Doylestown	1	165	110	8	10	19	3	135	2			3	1	22	138		$150	$612	10	Doylstown, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	809	413	38	3	26	3	694	8			34	4	45	485	2	436	1512	20	Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	106	47	11		10	6	77	4		5	2	1	18	75		36	150	8	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	574	300	33	2	19	9	462	10		9	20	2	39	323	1	397	1513	22	Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	390	130	18	4	20	16	376	3			4	3	52	516	1	478	1444	18	Sellersville.
A. B. Koplin, D. D.	Lower Saucon	4	593	330	25		22	8	449	2		4	8	5	65	442		1123	1334	20	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seiple	Hilltown	2	397	240	24	18	33	6	396				6	3	40	225	2	124	1031	12	Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	286	172	7	4	17	4	212	7			3	1	27	301		7200	5180	12	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothtrock	Lansdale	1	254	62	16	11	20	4	212	2		1	6	1	24	282		139	1089	9	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	4	885	490	48	2	54	13	755	6			20	7	35	350	1	213	1355	20	Coopersburg Pa.
*S. H. Phillips	Durham	3	565	340	18		12	8	425	6			10	3	30	280	2	250	1500	17	Durham, Pa.
J. W. Miller	Without charge																				Richmond Hill, L. I.
Vacant	South Easton	1	282	192	21		5	3	139	2			4	1	32	210		130	1250	10	
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	500	200	22		27	2	445	1			17	4	20	150		179	800	35	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	291	150	4	1	15	3	273	5			15	3	26	200		96	2655	14	Frenchtown, N. J.
Chas. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	617	275	32	3	15	3	479			2	16	6	22	315		195	5878	15	Ferndale, Pa.
David Scheirer	South Bethlehem, Pa.	1	443	238	35		34	13	320	9		39	3	2	54	297		220	1838	12	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbauersville, Pa.	3	559	375	55	5	34	17	474	7			30	3	26	230		188	994	18	Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, supply	Leidy's and Souderton	2	197	120	6			3	176	5			3	1	15	100		236	647	12	Quakertown, Pa.
John Nialle	Without charge																				Hatfield, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without charge																				Bath, Pa.
Ministers, 20.		39	7913	4184	421	61	382	124	6407	79		60	204	51	592	4919	9	$11780	$29752	284	

* Deceased. Licentiate W. H. Mader was ordained and installed as pastor in the South Easton charge on July 7, 1895.

LEHIGH CLASSIS—May 13, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ms. Infants.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'y.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	318	120	54		17	6	265	1			16	4	45	385		$77	$300	20	Maxatawny, Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D. D.	Egypt	4	1140	580	65		37	7	940	9			50	10	90	610	2	645	1600	24	Allentown, "
Abm. Bartholomew	Disabled																				Lehighton, "
E. J. Fogel, D. D.	Jordan	4	925	500	50		52	1	890	15			30	8		500	1	525	1400	20	Fogelsville, "
S. G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's, Allentown	1	672	256	13	2	23	23	492	8		1	16	1	74	435		2560	4057	25	Allentown, "
A. J. G. Dubbs, D. D.	Disabled																				" "
Benjamin Weiss	Lenhartsville	4	620	300	25		34	5	500	4			20	7	80	378	1	125	2800		Lenhartsville, "
Jared Fritzinger	St. Mark's Aneyville	1	160	100	14			5	86				6	1	10	100	1	32	250	7	Allentown, "
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.	Supt. Pub. Instruc. Pa.																				Lancaster, "
J. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	745	540	83		41		595	8			31	9	75	540	3	204	1600	20	Lynnport, "
N. W. Heilffrch	Ziegel's	5	1000	700			76		920	75			48	10		300	5	564	20000		Allentown, "
John H. Leinbach*	St. John's, Kutztown	1	300	150	20		27		250				15	1				100	1000		Reading, "
M. H. Diefenderfer	Christ, Allentown	1	249	124	55		28	11	187			15	12	1	30	272		81	604	18	Allentown, "
Nevi F. Peters	Slatington	1	560	330	53	1	45	44	420	8		7	23	1	33	447	1	260	3400	20	Slatington, "
J. C. J. Kurtz	Without Charge																				Reading, "
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's, Lehighton	1	600	385	42	1	43	25	399	9		5	17	1	32	400		340	1299	10	Lehighton, "
H. D. Kurtz	Without Charge																				Allentown, "
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. & M. Col., Lanc.																				Lancaster, "
M. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	3	542	195	55		40		410	5			23	3		600	1	228	1450	20	Fleetwood, "
Tobias Kessler	Without Charge																				Allentown, "
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's, Allentown	1	1282	700	109	1	81	52	1058	13	16		57	1	66	1438	2	941	13655	25	" "
T. J. Hacker	Zion's, "	1	812	538	38	5	42	33	632	8	5		20	1	44	723		1458	5254	20	" "
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Nor. Sch. Kutzt'n.																				Kutztown, "
S. U. Mitman	Trinity, Allentown	1	110	60	10		3	13	50	1	7		1	1	25	233		425	775	6	Allentown, "
C. E. Schaeffer	Emaus	2	483	375	47	1	28	32	392	5	4		19	2	44	545		287	2200	2	Macungie, "
J. W. Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown College																				Allentown, "
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	710	290	34	1	52	9	625	4			28	5	50	408		266	3000	64	Kutztown, "
Marsby J. Roth	Summit Hill	2	223	236	18		19	18	145	6	5		11	2	38	280		93	2817	2	Summit Hill, "
C. E. Schaeffer, M. H. Brensinger } Supplies	Macungie	2	465	185	27		29		420	1			12	4	40	225		342	1850	30	
R. S. Apple, Supply	Grimesville Congregation	1	170	95	10				150				10	2	15	125		14	250	2	Hamburg, "
	Lenhartsville "	1	75	50	4		12		75					2	10	80		18	145	2	
John H. Leinbach, Supply	St. Peter's	1	100	75	12		9		85				3	1				10	4000		
N. W. Helffrich, E. J. Fogel, D. D., N. F. Peters } Supplies	Frieden's	1	200			3	20		135	2			5	3		100		54	200		
†T. N. Reber	Mohoning	5	760	435	49		27		625				15	23		425		58			Andrew's, "
" Supply	‡West Penn																				
		56	13221	7319	787	15	785	284	10746	182		65	488	104	795	9553	17	$9718	$74105	355	

* Died Aug 25, 1895. † Received from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, June 25, 1895. ‡ Statistics included in report from Mahoning Charge.

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*A. S. Leinbach, D. D.	Schwartzwald	5	1790	650	113	5	37	1	1700	25			55	8	85	575		$260	$1000	8	45 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa.
B. Bausman, D. D.	St. Paul's Memorial	1	720	300	15	4	36	17	600	9		102	10	1	60	500		9160	4740	13	222 N. 6th St., Reading, "
H. A. Keyser, D. D.	St. Paul's	1	875	765	94		56	5	775	20		10	31	1	65	765	1	430	2000	12	Mahanoy City, "
Henry Leisse	Bethany	3	425	225	14		20		295	2			12	3	25	210		132	550	12	Orwigsburg "
H. Mosser, D. D.	First Reformed, Reading	1	1150	800	76	2	65	33	970	14		22	41	1	109	691	1	2204	3933	16	611 Wash. St., R'd'g, "
J. A. Steinmetz	St. John's, Reading	1	480	375	42	1	15	14	323	4		14	11	1	40	350		230	2000	14	Reading, "
A. R. Bartholomew	Trinity, Pottsville	1	520	300	66	3	16	13	313	6			8	1	42	450		444	4450	16	5 N. 6th St., Pottsville, "
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	268	165	37	2	22	11	208	4		12	5	1	19	200	1	100	965	10	Tamaqua, "
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	671	465	60		42	6	592	8		7	30	5	34	370		491	2510	22	Schuylkill Haven, "
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's	1	573	350	24	3	25	35	445	12		47	9	1	50	600	1	400	1800	8	508 N. 9th St., R'd'g, "
O. H. Strunk	St. John's, Sc'hkill Haven.	1	353	175	47	1	35	19	275	9		25	7	1	35	275		556	1500	10	Schuylkill Haven, "
H. A. Frantz	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	215	200	23		13		195				13	2	57	260	1	91	1400	11	Tamaqua, "
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's, Cressona	1	258	160	37	1	16	19	218	3		24	5	2	54	315		117	1457	8	Cressona, "
H. K. Binkley	Without charge																				New Berlin, "
H. Y. Stoner	St. Mark's, Reading	1	295	200	23	3	21	44	277	1		27	2	1	55	435		135	2883	8	Reading, "
T. J. Bower	St. Clair	3	232	193	27		6	8	183	2		5	10	3	35	339		86	1545	11	Frackville, "
J. I. Good, D. D.	Calvary	1	227	142	10	2	21	30	218	6			2	1	34	435		414	3056	10	Reading, "
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	451	400	13	5	37	21	383	6		13	2	1	60	600		500	2200	9	Reading, "
W. J. Muir	Tremont	3	315	208	54	1	24	3	241	31		36	2	3	37	207		37	735	12	Tremont, "
R. O'Boyle	Trinity, Shenandoah	1	364	290	44		8	2	290				3	1	15	290		95	1100	10	Shenandoah, "
S. R. Bridenbaugh	Second Reformed, Reading	1	610	300	12	5	20	30	580	3		107	16	1	58	422	3	7120	4300	18	Reading, "
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas	1	214	90	38	1	10	31	166	8		10	12	1	35	380		31	1672	8	Reading, "
H. K. Miller	Missionary																				Sendai, Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	212	103	24		10	26	183	1		13	1	2	47	480		52	1350	20	Reading, Pa.
George W. Gerhart	Hamburg	2	375	260	22		22	10	325	6				2	26	305		161	2730	10	Hamburg, "
W. H. Herbert	First Reformed, Pottsville.	1	261	150	24		8	15	170			10	2	1	25	215		79	1128	10	Pottsville, "
C. D. Yost	Emanuel's	1	110	60	17		10	2	81	4			7	1	20	75		50	1300	6	Minersville, "
George E. Addams	Without charge																				Reading, "
Edward S. Bromer	Orwigsburg	2	266	120	18	2	33	23	229	3			11	2	34	264		218	1061	14	Orwigsburg, "
Elmer S. Noll	Pine Grove	2	405	340			44	1	262				3	2	48	381		23	350	8	Pine Grove, "
Daniel W. Albright	Olivet	1	86	35	4		2	3	76	9		29	1	1	29	154		54	882	7	Reading, "
†David P. Lefever	Without charge																				Reading, "
Vacant	Leesport	4	474	200	18		11		459	15						215		175	700	14	Leesport, "
‡J. J. Fisher	Christ. Cong.	1	170	160	24		5	2	140	5			6	1	22	150		12	150		
" "	Zion's Cong	1	42	25	9	1	10	2	40				1	1	12	35		9	150		
" "	St. Peter's	1	40	35	4				40				2	1	10	110		7	100		
§Lic. W. D. Happel																					
‖Lic. Elias S. Noll																					
Ministers, 32.	Charges, 29.	53	13447	8240	1033	42	700	426	11252	216		513	321	54	1277	11053	8	$23873	$55697	335	

*Resigned charge August, 1895, on account of physical debility. † Received from Mercersburg Classis, August 28, 1895. ‡ Supply. § Dismissed to Wyoming Classis, at annual meeting. ‖ Dismissed to Wyoming Classis, August 28, 1895.

WYOMING CLASSIS—May 15, 1895.

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Alfred Houtz	Orangevillle	4	331	112	10	4	8	9	277	6		13	9	2	55	235			$236	$974	8	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer	Weatherly	2	500	275	55		23	13	370	8		10	18	1	25	400			225	1350	12	Weatherly, Carbon Co., "
Daniel E. Shoedler	Paradise	3	470	397	9	2	3	5	370	12			8	3	42	293	2		655	1000	20	Turbotville, North'd Co., "
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	346	152	9	1	2	1	268	12		8	3	2	45	340	1		341	1667	14	Watsontown, North'd Co., "
Jacob B. Kerschner	Conyngham	4	847	505	60	2	55	5	695	11			18	5	45	435	2		340	1375	6	Conyngham, "
George W. Kerschner	Christ Ch., Fayette, N.Y.	1	108	20	2	1	1		58	3			3	1	9	80			65	797	5	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
David W. Ebbert	Milton	1	406	149	13		4	9	298	10		4	3	1	34	271			393	3089	15	Milton, Pa.
W D. Donat*	Wapwallopen	6	517	308	29		20		434	3		2		8	69	401			339	1070	22	Wapwallopen, "
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	125	121	29		7	4	98	5		3	6	1	15	81			83	645	4	Plymouth, Luzerne Co., "
H. A. I. Benner	Freeland	2	471	435	46	2	39	42	374	3		14	9	1	28	389	1		311	3273	18	Freeland, "
W. A. Stubblebine	Scranton	1	69	35	1		3	8	50			3		1	9	39	1		30	1936	9	Scranton, "
C. H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	204	105	12	3	10	19	172	3		19	4	1	24	193	1		255	1493	8	Bloomsburg, "
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	147	126	13		7	2	118	2		8	6	1	13	88			190	2307	12	P. O. Box 175, Nanticoke, "
Charles B. Alspach	Danville	1	326	152	6	2	19	3	247	10		10	2	1	26	207			496	1417	18	Danville, "
Franklin H. Fisher†	Mansdale	2	199	75	16	2	9	6	176				3	2	32	190			172	970	9	" "
Charles P. Kehl‡	Overton	3	160	93	8		2		98	1			4	3	25	108			25	633	10	Dushore, Sullivan Co., "
S. C. Meckel	St. Luke's	1	50	62	22		12		44	11		2	12	1	7	40			15	725	8	51 Hallenb'k Av., W'ksbarre, "
Cosmos H. Herbst	West Hazleton	1	115	100	30		23	49	75				10	1	39	180	1			2250	8	West Hazleton, "
Wm. D. Happel§	Wilkesbarre	1	426	350	18		12		300				15	1	23	200			47	866	15	Wilkesbarre, "
S. E. Stofflet‖	Hazleton	1	202	154	27		12	27	194	16		6	2	1	21	219	1		338	2321	10	Hazleton, "
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Emanuel (vacant)	2	272	124	16	2	3	11	239	6		1	4	2	33	252			136	551	12	Jerseytown, Columbia Co., "
Alfred Houtz, Supply	Brier Creek	1	44	15	3	2	5		32			2	5						22	70	3	Orangeville, " "
E. C. Musselman	Licentiate																					Overton, Sullivan Co., "
Elias S. Noll¶	Overton																					Dushore, "
		42	6335	3865	434	23	279	213	4987	112		105	144	40	617	4641	10		$4714	$30779	231	

* Dismissed to Lebanon Classis, October, 14, 1895. † Dismissed to Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior, September 9, 1895. ‡ Dismissed to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac, July 18, 1895. § Received from Schuylkill Classis, July 18, 1895. ‖ Received from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, July 18, 1895. ¶ Received from Schuylkill Classis, September 9, 1895.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1895.

Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
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East Pennsylvania	32	51	10746	6148	581	14	413	222	8287	99		130	317	68	906	7220	11	$5683 00	$38086 00	286
Lebanon	19	52	10810	6382	556	35	487	103	9206	202	2	140	360	71	844	5870	13	5385 00	30357 00	280
Philadelphia	35	34	6568	1667	289	183	378	371	5424	158		181	115	39	792	7165	20	9764 00	55624 00	314
Lancaster	38	41	6264	3037	255	146	332	175	5015	86		44	168	42	800	6430	8	5310 00	35925 88	320
East Susquehanna	18	58	5737	3726	593	13	453	119	4836	114		34	204	60	666	4812	7	3954 00	31261 00	274
West Susquehanna	18	59	5255	3014	232	40	278	143	4565	94		26	120	51	589	4171	5	4824 00	17915 00	318
Goshenhoppen	16	29	7740	3997	386	35	338	105	6467	88		77	237	37	591	4670	10	5253 00	20194 00	191
Tohickon	20	39	7913	4184	421	61	382	124	6407	79		60	204	51	592	4919	9	11780 00	29752 00	284
Lehigh	37	56	13221	7319	787	15	785	284	10746	182		65	488	104	795	9553	17	9718 00	74105 00	355
Schuylkill	32	53	13447	8240	1033	42	700	426	11252	216		513	321	54	1277	11053	8	23873 00	55697 00	335
Wyoming	24	42	6335	3865	434	23	279	213	4987	112		105	144	40	617	4641	10	4714 00	30779 00	231
Eastern Synod (Total) Classes 11	271	514	94036	51579	4567	607	4825	2285	77192	1430	2	1375	2678	617	8469	70504	118	$92258 00	$419695 88	3188
Synod of Ohio 6	126	228	21682	6232	726	623	1416	905	17717	357	4	868	382	202	2923	21302	30	20831 00	113463 00	
German Synod of Northwest 10	143	218	20942	14564	2015	25	1068	862	15137	293	8	483	508	191	718	11679	37	13470 00	101816 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh 5	71	136	16276	9793	832	134	725	508	13727	358	1	468	297	121	1226	10586	12	16744 00	73498 00	
Synod of Potomac 9	162	305	36507	20526	1926	396	1950	961	30339	609	4	572	806	290	3463	29785	54	32225 81	153885 00	
German Synod of the East 5	56	56	14393	10102	2295	33	782	792	11411	95		573	485	56	1084	10892	14	8271 00	82628 00	
Central Synod 4	82	114	19771	11722	1244	58	805	760	14592	246	8	489	488	105	1579	14096	33	17005 00	99912 00	
Synod of the Interior 5	50	68	2965	1261	153	90	221	194	2320	95		122	49	62	634	3614	6	8597 00	21912 00	
Total, 1895, 8 Synods 55	961	1639	226572	125779	13758	1966	11792	7267	182435	3483	27	4950	5693	1644	20096	172458	304	$204401 00	$1066709 00	
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church

in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN BETHLEHEM, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX.

The sessions commenced on the evening of the 7th, and continued in session until the evening of the 12th, adjourning at 10:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in Christ Reformed church, Bethlehem, Pa., on Wednesday, October 7th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 P. M., in accordance with the resolution adopted by the last Synod.

The opening sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., from the text recorded in Col. 2:9-10, "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." At the conclusion of the sermon the Holy Communion was celebrated. At the close of this service, Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Roll of Synod was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Revs.: H. M Kieffer, D.D., Jno. F. DeLong, Thos. H. Krick, J. O. Lindaman, Wilson F. More.[2-e]

Elders: Thos. Laubach, C. S. Messinger, H. R. Knecht,[2] H. D. Snyder.[2]

From Lebanon Classis.

Revs.: D. Ernest Klopp, D.D., Samuel A. Leinbach, I. Calvin Fisher, J. E. Heister, D.D.[2]

Elders: Wm. F. Spayd, Samuel M. Hemperley, Allen D. Aulenbach,[e] Jno. B. Copenhaver.

From Philadelphia Classis.

Revs.: Henry T. Spangler, D.D.,[e] Calvin U. O. Derr, Jno. H. Sechler, D.D.,[2-d] David U. Wolff,[2-e] Chas. B. Coon.[3-e]

Elders: Henry M. Housekeeper,[d] Jacob S. Sechler,[d] F. G. Hobson, Esq.,[e] Hiram C. Hoover,[e] Preston T. Nyce.

From Lancaster Classis.

Revs.: Milton H. Sangree, John M. Souder, E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Jon. H. Pannebecker, J. Stewart Hartman.[2]

Elders: Christian W. Myers, Nathan Yoh, Geo. M. Young.[e]

From East Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: S. P. Brown, Jno. W. Reinecke,[e] C. B. Schneder, C. H. Mutschler.

Elders: P. Adam Waldner,[e] T. H. Paul,[e] Joseph Gass.[d]

From West Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: Samuel L. Whitmore, F. Wilson Brown, Zwingli A. Yearick.

Elders: Dr. Franklin W. Vandersloot, Joseph Neagley, Abraham Luckenbach.

From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Revs.: Isaac S. Stahr,[2] J. Lucian Roush,[2] L. Kryder Evans.[2]

Elders: Geo. F. Stong, William H. Buck.[1]

From Tohickon Classis.

Revs.: L. C. Sheip, B. B. Ferer, C. B. Weaver, J. G. Dengler.[2]

Elders: Sherid Tinsman,[e] Theo. S. Ruch, Isaac B. Meyer.[2]

From Lehigh Classis.

Revs.: J. Alvin Reber, Chas. E. Schaeffer, Geo. B. Smith,[2] M. H. Brensinger.[2-d]

Elders: Wallace Bachman,[2-d] Geo. D. Schaeffer,[3] Wm. H. Kress,[3] Geo. H. Kemmerer.[5]

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the session at *which* delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

From Schuylkill Classis.

Revs.: Edw. S. Bromer,[e] A. R. Bartholomew,[e] W. Donat.[5-e]

Elders: Daniel Shepp, Justus Sherer,[3] H. W. Hibshman.[5]

From Wyoming Classis.

Revs.: D. E. Schoedler,[d] Chas. H. Brandt, David W. Ebbert.

Elders: Henry P. Follmer, M. F. Koenig,[e] Alem Mauser.

From Reading Classis.

Revs.: S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., D. W. Albright, F. B. Hahn, Rufus W. Miller.[4-e]

Elders: Henry M. Otto, Lewis C. Schartel.[3-e]

Rev. T. O. Stem occupied the seat of Rev. W. F. More during the first two sessions and the closing session of Synod. Rev. E. Clark Hibshman occupied the seat of Rev. C. H. Coon during the second and third sessions. Rev. W. W. Deatrick occupied the seat of Rev. Geo. B. Smith during the fourth session. Rev. H. A. Frantz occupied the seat of W. Donat during the first three sessions; and Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. Rufus W. Miller during the first three sessions.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Revs. Cyrus J. Becker, Geo. J. Lieberger, Daniel F. Brendle, D.D., G. W. Remagen, Thos. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D., T. O. Stem, J. E. Smith, J. W. Mabry, G. A. Schwedes, F. W. Smith, A. Lobach, R. C. Weaver, D. Rothrick, W. H. Wotring, O. P. Steckel.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. Thos. M. Yundt, Warren Johnson.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. S. L. Messinger, E. Clark Hibshman, Gustave Jurany, C. J. Musser.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Theo. Appel, D.D., A. Carl Whitmer, J. S. Stahr, D.D., David B. Schneder.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. Geo. B. Walbert, Thos. H. Leinbach, Eli Keller, D.D.

Tohickon Classis.—Revs. David Scheirer, W. H. Mader, A. P. Horn, A. B. Koplin, D.D., B. F. Luckenbill, J. M. Isenberg, N. Z. Snyder, W. H. Hock.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. W. R. Hoffard, D.D., S. G. Wagner, D.D., E. J. Fogel, D.D., M. H. Diefenderfer, N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Jared Fritzinger, H. F. Hinkey, G. W. Richards, T. S.

Hacker, I. N. Bachman, W. W. Deatrick, J. W. Knappenberger, T. N. Reber, N. W. Helfrich.

Schuylkill Classis.—Rev. H. A. Frantz, W. J. Muir.

Reading Classis.—Rev. J. R. Brown.

Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac).—Revs. S. S. Miller, Geo. M. Zacharias, C. Clever, D.D., Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D.

Gettysburg Classis (Synod of Potomac).—Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman.

Allegheny Classis (Pittsburgh Synod).—Rev. Jno. H. Prugh, D.D.

Juniata Classis (Potomac Synod).—Rev. H. E. Jones.

Wichita Classis (Synod of Interior).—D. B. Shuey.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence was announced from time to time of ministerial brethren of other churches, who were invited to seats in Synod.

Revs. D. C. Keiter, W. H. Hoppe, F. F. Fry, of Lutheran church, Bethlehem; Rev. J. L. Litch, Presbyterian church, Bethlehem; Rev. Morris Leibert, Moravian church, Bethlehem.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of Synod for the current Synodical year:

President, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D., Easton, Pa.

Cor. Secretary, Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Turbotville, Pa.

Stated Clerk, Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, Reading, Pa.

Treasurer, Daniel Schaffner, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod is governed by the Rules of Order adopted by General Synod at Akron, in 1887. Agreeably to these Rules of Order the President defined the Bar of the House to extend to the tenth pew from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, to wit: The session opens at 9 A. M. and closes at 5 P. M., with a recess from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The session on Monday evening opened at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Minutes of Synod (District and General).—Revs. W. F. More, S. A. Leinbach, Chas. A. Coon, Elders C. S. Messinger and Theo. S. Ruch.

Overtures.—Revs. C. B. Schneder, J. O. Lindaman, Jno. W. Reinecke, Elders Wm. F. Spayd and Christian W. Myers.

Religious Services.—Revs. G. A. Schwedes, Jno. F. DeLong, J. Alvin Reber, Elders Howard R. Knecht and Wm. F. Kress.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. D. E. Schoedler, John H. Sechler, D.D., Jno. M. Souder, Elders Preston F. Nace and Geo. M. Young.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. D. E. Klopp, D.D., L. K. Evans, E. S. Bromer, Elders Samuel M. Hemperly and Alem Mauser.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, F. B. Hahn, W. H. Stubblebine, Elders Henry F. Follmer and Dr. F. W. Vandersloot.

Theological Seminary and F. & M. College.—Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Z. A. Yearick, Elders Thos. Lauback and Samuel Hood.

Missions.—Revs. H. T. Spangler, D.D., S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Milton H. Sangree, Elders Henry M. Housekeeper and Daniel Shepp.

Finance.—Revs. Chas. E. Schaeffer, S. P. Brown, Thos. H. Krick, Elders F. G. Hobson and Sherid Tinsman.

Nominations.—Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Jno. F. DeLong, L. K. Evans, Elders C. H. Leinbach and Jno. B. Copenhaver.

Publications.—Revs. B. B. Ferer, Isaac S. Stahr, Geo. B. Smith, Elders Henry M. Otto and Joseph Neagley.

Orphans' Home.—Revs. Samuel L. Whitmore, L. C. Sheip, W. Donat, Elders Jacob Sechler and L. P. Hecker.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. D. W. Ebbert, A. R. Bartholomew, R. C. Zartman, Elders Hiram Hoover and Joseph Gass.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming and Reading were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the report

on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

3. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was read and adopted, and the item referring to vacancies occurring in the Board was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

4. The report of the Supt. of Home Missions, and the communication from Dr. S. N. Callender, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was presented to Synod and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

6. Numerous other documents were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod at Shamokin, Pa., and the acts and proceedings of the General Synod at Dayton, were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod. The committee presented its report during the session on Thursday, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Eastern Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed minutes were referred for examination, after careful investigation, begs leave to submit the following items as claiming, in its judgment, the consideration of Synod, namely:

Item 1, *page* 40. A committee from each Classis was appointed to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to carry out the plan proposed for the enlarged endowment of the aforesaid institution.

Item 2, *page* 40. The term of office of Elders George G. Heilman, Jeremiah S. Hess and George Z. Kunkel as members of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, expires with the present year.

Item 3, *page* 40. The term of office of Drs. Theo. Appel, Chas. G. Fisher, deceased, and H. M. Kieffer as members of

the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, expires with the present year.

Item 4, *page* 62. The term of Elder John J. Nissley as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, expires January 1, 1897.

Item 5, *page* 72. The term of Elder F. G. Hobson as a member of the Sunday Schood Board, expires with the present sessions of Synod.

Item 6, *page* 74. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,600 copies of the acts and proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 7, *page* 77. Synod granted the request of Schuylkill Classis to divide its territory and directs the dismission of all the ministers located in a certain territory for the purpose of organizing another Classis.

Item 8, *page* 78. Synod instructs the ministers thus dismissed to meet in the First Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., to complete the organization of the contemplated new Classis.

Item 9, *page* 78. A special committee was appointed to suggest an improved method of conducting the business of Synod, Rev. John P. Stein, Chairman.

Item 10, *page* 82. Synod requests the Classes to make it a standing rule to direct all pastors and charges to lift an annual offering for the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc.

Item 11, *page* 84. A committee was appointed to prepare a program of services and addresses for the appropriate observance of the Sesqui and Semi-Centennial Anniversaries, namely, the founding of the Mother Synod of the Church, October 12, 1746, at Philadelphia, Pa., and the adoption of the present Constitution of the Church in 1846, Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Chairman.

Minutes of General Synod.

Item 1, *page* 85. General Synod directs that promising young men graduating from our institutions be urged by their respective Classes to consider prayerfully the claims of the South and West as fields of usefulness for them.

Item 2, *page* 86. It adopted an action that pastors and consistories be instructed to forward to missionaries the names and addresses of members and of persons friendly to the Reformed Church moving into our mission fields.

Item 3, *page* 87 and 246. General Synod apportioned $3,000 among the Synods for the support of Harbor Missions during

the next three years. The annual apportionment for the Eastern Synod is $435 for the next three years.

Item 4, *page* 87 and 246. General Synod directed that $6,000 be apportioned annually among the District Synods for mission work among the Hungarians, Bohemians and Poles. The annual apportionment for Eastern Synod is $2,590 for next three years.

Item 5, *page* 87. General Synod approved of the "Plan of Co-operation" submitted by the Board of Home Missions, and directs Synods to carry forward their work according to the principles underlying this plan in the organization of churches missions and Sunday Schools.

Item 6, *page* 88. General Synod commends the organization of synodical, classical and congregational Woman's Missionary Societies, and directs the attention of District Synods to the importance of such organizations.

Item 7, *page* 89 and 246. General Synod adopts an action that $45,000 be apportioned annually among the District Synods co-operating with the General Board for the cause of Home Missions. The annual apportionment for the Eastern Synod is $25,100 for the next three years.

Item 8, *page* 89. General Synod adopts an action requesting the Synods to urge the Classes to make earnest efforts to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions.

Item 9, *page* 89 and 246. General Synod requests the apportionment of $6,000 annually among the District Synods for mission work among the Germans in our larger cities. The annual apportionment of the Eastern Synod is $2,590 for the next three years.

Item 10, *page* 125 and 246. General Synod grants the request of the Board of Foreign Missions by making an apportionment of $35,000 annually, and the annual apportionment for the Eastern Synod is $15,000 for the next three years.

Item 11, *page* 126. General Synod commends to the liberality of the Church the Kaneko Memorial Fund for the erection of a college at Sendai.

Item 12, *page* 127. General Synod, in view of the enlarged plan of work in Japan, appeals to all District Synods, Classes, and congregations to secure the whole of the apportionment

and to encourage large and frequent free will offerings for the foreign work.

Item 13, *page* 136. General Synod urges the Synods to challenge through the Classes the pastors and their congregations for larger contributions for the cause of the orphans.

Item 14, *page* 150. General Synod calls the attention of District Synods to the favorable action taken in regard to Young People's Societies.

Item 15, *page* 178. General Synod approved of the measures adopted by the Sunday School Board in the furtherance of their work, and urges through the Synods that the churches co-operate as far as possible with General Synod Board in carrying out the plans already adopted.

Item 16, *page* 179. General Synod approved of the following suggestions made by the Sunday School Board:

(*a*) The omission in present statistical table of columns; "Sunday Schools, officers and teachers, Sunday 'School Scholars,'" and the adoption of the appended statistical blank. Page 181.

(*b*) The publication of a monthly missionary newspaper.

(*c*) The cultivation of a spirit of benevolence in the Sunday School.

(*d*) The increase of the Sunday School membership.

(*e*) The appointment in every Classis of a permanent Sunday School Committee.

(*f*) An annual offering on Children's Day for the support of the Sunday School Board and Sunday School Missions.

(*g*) Authority to secure a charter of incorporation and a constitution. See pages 174, 175, 176 and 182.

(*h*) The appointment of Editor of German Lesson Helps as German Secretary of Sunday School Board.

(*i*) The authority to secure by purchase the publication of our Sunday School periodicals.

Item 17, *page* 188. The appeal of Philadelphia Classis from the action of Eastern Synod in sustaining the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis (page 72, minutes of 1893,) was sustained.

Item 18, *page* 193. The appeal of the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., from the action of the Eastern Synod (page 80, minutes of 1894,) was not sustained.

Item 19, *page* 200. General Synod re-submits the Revised Constitution to the several Classes for approval or rejection, and transmits the same in its minutes, with the same instructions as were given in the proceedings of 1893, and the results shall be reported by the Classes and by the District Synods to the General Synod as provided by the Constitution. Pages 210 and 211.

Item 20, *page* 200. General Synod decides in the deliverance asked by the Eastern Synod in regard to certain constitutional points affecting the relation of a Classis to a consistory, page 82, minutes 1894, (page 78, minutes 1895,) that it is not good practice to decide on imaginary or hypothetical cases, and hence can not claim its attention until they present themselves in a concrete form.

Item 21, *page* 207. General Synod directs that the column in our statistical table under which deaths are now reported by pastors be so divided so as to report the death of confirmed and unconfirmed members separately.

Item 22, *page* 207. That the Synod, through the Classes, provide pastors with blanks in acordance with this action.

Item 23, *page* 207. That the Synods direct the Classes to see that ministers account for all the names taken from the roll of the confirmed membership either by dismissal, erasure, excommunication or death.

Item 24, *page* 207. That Synod urges upon all District Synods and through them the several Classes, the imperative need of ministers using the utmost care in their reports under these and every other column of statistics.

Item 25, *page* 246. General Synod apportions upon this Synod $1,800 for contingent expenses.

Item 26. General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON F. MORE, *Chairman.*

Eastern Synod.

The action of Synod on the report on minutes of Eastern Synod is as follows: Items 1, 2 and 3, see Article XIII., on College and Theological Seminary; on item 4, see Article XV., Finance; on item 5, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; on item 6, see Article XIX., Publication; on items 7, 8 and 10, see

Article X., on Minutes of Classes; on item 9, see Article XXI., Church Government; on item 11, see Article IX., Religious Services.

General Synod.

The action of Synod on minutes of General Synod is as follows: Items 1, 2, 5, 16, 20 and 22 were adopted and the attention of Classes called to the action; on items 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 25, see Article XV., Finance; items 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 26 were adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was considered and acted on item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

We, the Committee on Overtures, beg leave to offer the following report, viz.:

Item 1. Overture from Rev. W. F. More in behalf of the East Pennsylvania and Lehigh Classes for the transfer of the real estate and franchise of the College for Women, located at Allentown.

Item 2. A report of the committee on selection of site for and construction of building for Potomac Synod's Professor.

Item 3. An overture from the American Bible Society together with the 80th annual report of said Society.

Item 4. Report on the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

Item 5. A request from the American Anti-Saloon League.

Item 6. A proposition and request from the guarantors for the payment of a certain mortgage given by the Wichita University.

Item 7. A plan for a beneficiary educational endowment.

Item 8. The annual catalogue and statement of Calvin College.

Item 9. The annual catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.

Item 10. The annual catalogue and souvenir of Ursinus College.

Item 11. The annual catalogue of the Allentown College for Women.

Item 12. The annual catalogue of Mercersburg College.

Item 13. The annual statement of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 14. A pamphlet on "The Church Extension Work" by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

Item 15. An invitation to this Synod from the consistory of St. John's Reformed congregation of Milton, Pa., to hold its annual sessions of 1897 in their church.

Item 16. A request from the Joint Publishing Committee in reference to the *Reformed Church Tidings*, along with a copy of the first issue.

Item 17. Overture from the Women's Missionary Society of Eastern Synod for permission to have the proceedings of its annual convention at Philadelphia, published under the same cover with the minutes of the Eastern Synod.

Item 18. An invitation from Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D., Principal, to visit between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock (Monday), the Moravian Seminary and College for Women.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. SCHNEDER, *Chairman*.

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: On items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 18, see reports in Article XXII., Miscellaneous; on item 2, see Article XIII., Theological Seminary; on items 16 and 17, see Article XIX., Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service. The Standing Committee on Religious Service made the following appointments for service during the week and on the Lord's Day. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Service beg leave to report (1) the program as prepared by the committee appointed last year on the celebration of Synod's Sesqui-Centennial and the Semi-Centennial of the Constitution; (2) the following appointments for Lord's Day services:

Sesqui-Centennial Program.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7.30 P. M. Preparatory and communion service, conducted by Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D., Reading, and Rev. Z. A. Yearick, Lewisburg. Synodical sermon by the

retiring President, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Columbia, "Our Completeness in Christ," Col. 2: 9 and 10. Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D., H. T. Spangler, D.D., J. H. Pannebecker and H. M. Kieffer, D. D., officiating at the Holy Communion.

Thursday, 7.30 P. M. Greetings from Sister Synods. Pittsburg Synod, Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Pittsburg, Pa. Potomac Synod, Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md. "The Synod and the Theological Seminary," Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL.D., Lancaster. The service conducted by Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, Reading; Rev. S. L. Whitmore, Mifflinburg.

Friday, 2 P. M. Historical Address, commemorating the Semi-Centennial of the Constitution: "Data in the Constitutional History of the Reformed Church," Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., Collegeville, President Ursinus College.

7.30 P.M. Our Colleges: Reception to the members of Synod at the Allentown College for Women. Greeting, Prof. J. W. Knappenberger. Address, "College Training as Conditioned by the Growth of the Church," Prof. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D., D. D., President of Franklin and Marshall College. The meeting conducted by Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D., assisted by Revs. J. P. Stein, H. T. Spangler, D. D., and W. J. Johnson.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M. Home Missionary Service, conducted by Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., and Rev. D. W. Ebbert. Address, "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Home Missionary Activity," Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Lancaster. Address, "The Development of the Sunday School," General Sunday School Secretary Rev. R. W. Miller, Reading.

Sunday, 10.30 A. M. *Sesqui-Centennial* Memorial Sermon: "Remembering the Days of Old," Deut. 32: 7, by the President of Synod, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton. The service conducted by Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL.D., and B. B. Ferer.

1.45 P. M. *Sunday School* Service, with addresses by Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., and D. W. Ebbert, Editors of the "Heidelberg Teacher;" Revs. J. P. Stein and R. W. Miller.

3 P. M. *Union Meeting* of the Reformed and other Churches in the Moravian Church. Fraternal greeting by Rev. Morris W. Leibert, pastor of the Moravian Church. Address, "The Future of the Reformed Church in the Light of her Past History," Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D. D., State Superinten-

dent of Public Instruction, Lancaster. Address, "Our Standard and Our Standard Bearers," Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D. D., Bellefonte. Service conducted by Rev. R. W. Miller, assisted by Revs. D. E. Klopp, D. D., President H. M. Kieffer, D. D., and Stated Clerk J. P. Stein, D. D.

7.30 P. M. *Foreign Missionary* Service, conducted by Revs. J. P. Stein and M. H. Sangree. Address, "Facts, Forces, Fruits," Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville. Address, "Our Present and Future in Great Japan," Rev. D. B. Schneder, returned missionary from Sendai.

Appointments in Other Churches.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Rev. A. Lobach, pastor. 10 A. M., Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, Reading; 7 P. M., Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Lebanon.

Bethany Reformed Church, West B.—Rev. J. F. DeLong, pastor. 10.30 A. M., D. E. Schoedler, Turbotville; 7 P. M., Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D. D.

First Reformed Church, South B.—Rev. D. Scheirer, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. M. Souder, New Providence; 7 P. M., Rev. S. A. Leinbach, Reading.

Moravian Church.—Rt. Rev. J. M. Levering, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Lebanon.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. J. L. Litch, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. M. H. Sangree, Harrisburg; 7.30 P. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., Collegeville.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Geo. M. Brodhead, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. D. W. Ebbert, Milton; 7 P. M., Rev. D. U. Wolff, Blue Bell.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Rev. F. F. Fry, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D. D., Lancaster.

St. John's United Evangelical Church.—Rev. B. D. Albright, pastor. 10 A. M., Rev. I. C. Fisher, Lebanon; 7 P. M., Rev. C. H. Brandt, Bloomsburg.

Fritz Memorial M. E. Church.—Rev. Geo. Kleinhenn, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville.

Trinity Lutheran Church, West B.—Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. C. B. Weaver, Ferndale, Pa.

Rittersville Reformed Church.—Rev. J. F. DeLong, pastor. 2 P. M., Rev. C. B. Schneder, Shamokin.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, South B.—Rev S. P. Hughes, pastor. 7 P. M., Rev. E. S. Bromer, Orwigsburg.

Farmersville Reformed Church.—Rev. D. F. Brendle, D. D., pastor. 10 A. M., Rev. C. H. Mutchler, Sunbury.

St. John Reformed Church, Allentown.—Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. L. Kryder Evans, Pottstown; 7 P. M., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., Reading.

Zion Reformed Church, Allentown.—Rev. T. J. Hacker, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. C. B. Schneder, Shamokin; 7 P. M., Rev. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D., D. D., Lancaster.

Salem Reformed Church, Allentown.—Rev. G. W. Richards, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. E. Heister, D. D., Lebanon.

Trinity Reformed Church, Allentown.—Rev. W. J. Hinke, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. D. W. Albright, Reading.

Salem Reformed Church, Catasauqua.—Rev. W. F. More pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. S. P. Brown, Pillow, Pa.; 7 P. M., Rev. D. W. Albright, Reading.

St. Mark Reformed Church, Easton.—Rev. T. O. Stem, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Columbia.

Grace Reformed Church, Easton.—Rev. O. P. Steckel, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. J. W. Reinecke, Millersburg.

Salem Reformed Church, South Easton.—Rev. M. H. Mader, pastor. 10.30 A. M., Rev. S. L. Whitmore, Mifflinburg; 7 P. M., Rev. R. W. Miller, Reading.

Nazareth Reformed Church.—Rev. W. H. Watring, pastor. 7 P. M., Rev. J. W. Reinecke, Millersburg.

Standing Committee,
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ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session on Saturday, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to report that the following items claim the attention of Synod at this meeting:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Philadelphia Classis did not close one of its meetings with prayer, p. 47.

2. East Susquehanna Classis fails to give the date of a special meeting, p. 22.

3. West Susquehanna Classis fails to name the church or churches in connection with the holding of two special meetings, and, if there was no church in which to meet, fails to say so, pp. 5 and 6.

4. West Susquehanna Classis did not give the constitutional two weeks' notice for the holding of a special meeting, pp. 49 and 50.

II.—Requests.

1. Schuylkill Classis requests Synod to exonerate it from the payment of past arrearages, p. 19.

III.—Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the recommedations of Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. East Pennsylvania Classis declines to accept its apportionment for Foreign Missions and Church Building, p. 46; instructs its Treasurer to pay $600 of its apportionment for Home Missions towards the sustentation of Zion's Reformed church, Stroudsburg, Pa., p. 45; and declines to assume hereafter any apportionment for Seminary aid, p. 45.

2. Goshenhoppen Classis does not comply with the request of Synod to donate the Children's Day offerings to the Sunday School Board of General Synod, p. 18; declines to assume its apportionment for Church Building and Calvin College, p. 17; and declares itself unable to pay its arrearages on apportionments.

3. Lebanon Classis does not see its way clear honestly to accept the amounts sent down for apportionment, but, in lieu thereof, its Committee on Finance is directed to apportion an amount not exceeding $3,600, p. 41.

4. East Susquehanna Classis accepts only $800 of its appor-

tionment for Home Missions; $800 of its apportionment for Foreign Missions, and $200 of its apportionment for Church Building.

5. East Susquehanna Classis calls Synod's attention to the fact that the Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis furnished the required schedule, but Synod's committee seemingly ignored or overlooked several items in said schedule; and reported other items that were not in the schedule, p. 7.

6. Schuylkill Classis does not accept the censure passed upon it by Synod, p. 18, and complies only conditionally with the request of Synod in reference to the printing of the Minutes of Classis, pp. 18 and 19.

7. Wyoming Classis declines to accept its apportionment for Church Building, p. 46; and accepts only $682 of its apportionment for Home Missions, and only $500 of its apportionment for Foreign Missions, p. 47.

IV.—Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. L. M. Kerschner complains against an action of East Pennsylvania Classis relative to his claim against the St. John's Reformed congregation of the Towamensing charge, pp. 63 and 64.

V.—Licensure, Ordination, Etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Edwin Hartzell Laubach; ordained Lic. Thomas H. Krick; received Rev. George W. Remagen from Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior; Lic. Jacob G. Rupp from Goshenhoppen Classis, and Lic. Frank H. Moyer from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. A. H. Hibschman to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod, and Lic. Edwin Hartzell Laubach to Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod.

2. Lebanon Classis received Rev. W. D. Donat from Wyoming Classis, and dismissed Lic. Elmer H. Leinbach to Lehigh Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. A. D. P. Frantz and Mr. Benoni Bates; ordained Lic. George S. Butz; received Rev. S. B. Alspach from Wyoming Classis and Lic. George S. Butz from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. P. E. Kavanaugh to the Philadelphia Presbytery, North; Rev. Henry Tesnow to Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior; Lic. A. D. P. Frantz to East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. C. Cort, D.D., to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Mr. Ernest E. Weaver and Mr. Frederick C. Hullhorst.

5. East Susquehanna Classis licensed Mr. L. M. Fetterhoff and Mr. J. W. Buck; received Lic. Alexander Kalassi from Sarospatok, Hungary; Lic. Harry W. Wissler from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; and Lic. A. D. P. Frantz from Philadelphia Classis; ordained Licentiates Alexander Kalassi and Harry W. Wissler.

6. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Z. A. Yearick from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; and Lic. Morris N. George from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. James R. Brown to the Reading Classis, and Rev. Charles M. Smith to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Mr. William N. Erb, Mr. N. Alexander Welker and Mr. Jacob G. Rupp; dismissed Lic. William N. Erb to Lehigh Classis, and Lic. Jacob G. Rupp to East Pennsylvania Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis dismissed Rev. J. W. Miller to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; received Lic. J. S. M. Eisenberg from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; and Lic. W. H. Mader.

9. Lehigh Classis received Lic. William J. Hinke from the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; Lic. William N. Erb from Goshenhoppen Classis, and Lic. Elmer E. Leinbach from Lebanon Classis; licensed Mr. J. P. Bachman, Mr. M. N. George, Mr. W. N. Helffrich, Mr. H. M. J. Klein, Mr. Franklin H. Moyer and Mr. J. N. Wagonhorst; ordained Lic. William J. Hinke; dismissed Rev. Marsly J. Roth to Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed H. P. Witzel; received Rev. Rufus W. Miller from Lancaster Classis, and Rev. I. P. Wagner from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod; dismissed Lic. H. F. Witzel to Wyoming Classis, and the following brethren by direction of Synod: Revs B. Bausman, D.D., A. S. Leinbach, D.D., James I. Good, D.D., H. Mosser, D.D., J. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, D.D., H. Y. Stoner, Geo. W. Gerhard, S. L. Krebs, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., John P. Stein, F. B. Hahn, H. K. Binkley, George E. Addams, H. K. Miller, David P. Lefevre, Rufus W. Miller and D. W. Albright, for the purpose of forming the Classis of Reading.

11. Wyoming Classis received Rev. William H. Lose from Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. William E. Bushong from

Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; Lic. H. P. Witzel from Schuylkill Classis; dismissed Rev. C. B. Alspach to Philadelphia Classis; Rev. William H. Stubblebine to the North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod; licensed and ordained Mr. A. H. Herbst, and ordained Licentiates W. E. Bushong and H. P. Witzel.

12. Reading Classis licensed Mr. Ed. O. Keen; received Rev. James R. Brown from West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. T. R. Dietz from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Lic. Ed. O. Keen to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

VI.—Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. Mark's Reformed church, Easton, Pa., on Monday, May 17th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. John F. DeLong, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in annual sessions in Salem's Reformed church, Millersburg, Berks county, Pa., on Thursday, May 27th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, *President*; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in annual sessions in the First Reformed church, 10th and Wallace streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, May 18th, 1897, at 8 P. M.

Rev. David U. Wolf, *President*; Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D., *Stated Clerk.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. Paul's Reformed church, Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., on the first Monday after the second Thursday of May, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Frederick Pilgram, *President*; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in Zion's Reformed church, Ashland, Pa., May 24th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. C. B. Schneder, *President*; Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. Peter's Reformed church, White Deer Charge, on Wednesday, May 18th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. F. W. Brown, *President*; Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown, Pa., on Tuesday, May 25th, 1897, at 2 P. M.

Rev. O. E. Rauch, *President*; Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in annual sessions in the First Reformed church, South Bethlehem, Pa., on Monday, May 27th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. B. B. Ferer, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder *Stated Clerk*.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. John's Union church, Emaus, Lehigh county, Pa., on Monday, May 17th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, *President*; Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, *Stated Clerk*.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. Peter's Reformed church, Frackville, Pa., on Monday, May 9th, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. H. Leise, *President*; Rev. W. J. Muir, *Stated Clerk*.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Church of the Redeemer, Dushore, Sullivan county, Pa., on the first Wednesday in June, 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. George W. Kerschner, *President*; Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk*.

12. Reading Classis will meet in annual sessions in St. Mark's Reformed church, Reading, Pa., on the second Monday after Easter, 1897, at 7.45 P. M.

Rev. Dr. Henry Mosser, *President*; Rev. F. B. Hahn, *Stated Clerk*.

VII.—Miscellaneous.

1. The new Classis authorized by Synod to be organized by the ministers and elders dismissed for that purpose by Schuylkill Classis, was organized under the name of "The Reading Classis," in the First Reformed church, Reading, Pa., on Tuesday, November 26th, 1896, at 7.30 P. M. All items of business usually claiming the attention of such an initial meeting of organization and such others as were deemed necessary were transacted, p. 1.

2. Wyoming Classis joins in the request of St. John's Re-

formed church, Milton, Pa., in inviting Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church, p. 71.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were severally adopted and the attention of these Classes was called to the irregularities.

The following action was taken relative to the request of Schuylkill Classis:

Resolved, That in view of the division of the territory of Schuylkill Classis assigned as the cause of the arrearages now existing, the request is hereby granted and the Classis is exonerated from the payment of the same.

The items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 were referred to a special committee, which presented its report, which was adopted, see Art. XV. Finance. Item 5, adopted. Item 6, adopted and the Stated Clerk was directed to correct the error in charging Schuylkill Classis with an irregularity in its Minutes presented at the Synod of Shamokin.

Item 1, under head of complaints, was referred to a special committee. See Art. XVI., Complaints. The remaining items of the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure begs leave to report that no case was presented to them for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. It is as follows:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—A careful study of the Classical reports of the state of religion and morals discloses an interesting picture of alternate lights and shadows. There are reports which refer to bright hopes and great expectations in sowing and reaping for the Lord, which were in some in-

stances realized, while in others they ended in disappointments. It is gratifying to note the strong tone of implicit trust in the Heavenly Father which runs through all the reports. The brethren who have, personally or in the history of their congregations, passed through deep waters of affliction are just as firm and clear in their expressions of confidence in the Hand which directed their way, as are those whose feet have been led in pleasant paths. From all portions of the Synod come expressions of thankfulness for the blessings which come from the great Head of the Church. This general habit of trust in God and gratitude to Him makes itself felt throughout the labors of the brethren. They do not rush into untried paths, but they vigorously lay hold of opportunities and methods which evidently have the sanction of the Word of God and the history and traditions of the Church. Every report makes especial mention of increased zeal in teaching the young and the old the doctrines and duties of our holy religion as they are formulated in the Heidelberg Catechism. This we may say is *the* feature which characterizes all the reports from the Classes. This faithfulness in catechization has resulted in large accessions to the list of communicants in the congregations. So greatly have some of the charges grown in membership, that quite a number of the Classes realize the necessity of dividing the large charges. This is most commendable, and indicates the desire to do the work of the Lord more effectually, by decreasing the extent of the fields, and by increasing the number of the workmen. The work of the ministry has received due attention in the preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the Sacraments, and in personal contact of the pastors with the people by pastoral visitations. With few exceptions, the congregations manifested their appreciation of their pastors' fidelity by promptly meeting their temporal contracts with them. The pastors have not neglected to train the people in liberal giving to the benevolences of the Church, and in instances in which the apportionments have not been met, the failures are deeply deplored, and the assurances are made that increased efforts will be put forth to fully meet the requests of the Boards.

The wise labors of the ministers, and the graceful yielding of the members to their leaders, have advanced our churches very greatly in spirituality, and in fidelity to the Master's service.

The fact which appears in the statistical tables, that there has not been a large net increase in communicant membership, and that there has been considerable decrease in the contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes, is not in contradiction of the reports of great blessings upon the work of pastors and people, but is simply one of those mutations to which all things are subject.

For several years, the large number of communicants who did not take advantage of their right to the Lord's table, was the cause of sorrow to pastors. Last year this Synod called earnest attention to this negligence. It is highly gratifying to report that the voice of the Synod has been heard and heeded. Although the net increase in membership is less than five hundred, the increase in the number who have communed is nearly twenty-three hundred. This is an indication that pastors are obedient sons of the Church, and that the membership takes kindly to admonitions which call them to duty.

In connection with the faithful labors to advance the people in the work of the Church proper, great advances have been made in the work of the Sunday Schools and auxiliary societies among the young.

Taking all things into consideration, there are proofs that our Synod is wide awake in all matters pertaining to the Christian culture of our people, as well as the ingathering into the Church of those who do not bear the name of the Lord, Christ. Our churches have never been stronger in faith and works than they are to-day, and the future is radiant with promises of yet greater things to come. With profound gratitude to our faithful Saviour for the blessings of the past and the present, we turn to Him with renewed courage for the future. To Him be all the glory and praise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The following is the record, prepared by the Stated Clerk, of ministers in the Reformed Church in connection with this Synod, who have ended their labors during the Synodical year:

REV. CHARLES G. FISHER, D.D., died Feb. 25, 1896, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles G. Fisher was a son of Rev. Dr. Samuel R. and

Ellen C. Fisher, born Dec. 28, 1837, at Emmitsburg, Md. His early educational training was received in his native village. He was graduated in 1858 in Franklin and Marshall College. Several years of his early life were devoted to teaching, during which period he was principal of the Academies at Mifflinburg, and Landisburg, Pa., and assistant teacher in the school at Ellicott's Mill, Md., and in the Hill Family School, at Pottstown, Pa. In 1863 he entered the Seminary at Mercersburg and was graduated in 1866. In the same year he received license to preach the Gospel and was ordained as pastor of Grindstone Hill charge, in Franklin county, Pa. In 1868 he accepted a call to Boehm's charge, in Montgomery county. In 1873 he was elected pastor of Reformed church, Winchester, Va., where he labored for a period of seven years. In 1880 he removed with his family to Philadelphia and became an assistant to his father in the management and publication of the "Reformed Church Messenger." In 1881, after the death of his father, he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Reformed Church Publication Board, and in 1887 he became the lessee of the publication interest of the Church for a term of ten years.

He died suddenly, at noon, while gathered with his family around the dining table, Feb. 25, 1896, at the age of 58 years, 1 month and 27 days.

He was married Oct. 2d, 1867, to Miss Margaret Hay, of Johnstown, Pa., with whom he was blessed with five children. The body of the deceased was laid temporarily in a vault at West Laurel Hill, on Feb. 28th, 1896, and from thence removed to Johnstown, Pa., where in peaceful repose it rests awaiting the final hour of a triumphant resurrection.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman, D.D., died April 11th, 1896, at Eschbach, Pa.

Harrison H. W. Hibschman was the son of Hon. Allen P. and Hannah Hibschman, born November 25th, 1837, at Schaefferstown, Pa. He received his early classical training in the Academy of his native village under the instruction of Prof. C. V. Mays. He entered F. & M. College in 1857 and was graduated in 1861. His theological training was received in the Seminary at Mercersburg. He was licensed by the Classis of Westmoreland and dismissed to East Susquehanna Classis, in 1864, which installed him as pastor of the Shamokin charge.

In 1868 he accepted a call to the Reformed church, at Trappe, Pa.

In 1869 he accepted a call to the Waynesboro charge, in Franklin county, where he continued his labors for a period of eight years. In 1877 he accepted a call from Mt. Bethel charge, Northampton county. In 1883 he accepted a call to Grace church, Tiffin, Ohio, where he labored with success for a period of ten years.

In 1894 he assumed the responsibility of a missionary in accepting the call to the Reformed church in Stroudsburg, Pa., where he labored with indefatigable zeal until the close of his life. He died at the age of 58 years, 4 months and 16 days. Rev. Hibschman was married to the daughter of Mr. Clark, of Lancaster, Pa. Two of his sons are ministers of the Gospel, in active service in the Reformed Church. Besides the labors of an active and faithful pastor, Bro. Hibschman held positions of responsibility and trust. He was the honored chairman on the revision of the Constitution of the Church, in 1890; a member of the Committee on the new Hymnal, adopted and introduced into the service of the Church; and an honored member of the Board of Trustees of Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa.

His earthly remains were buried in the cemetery at Trappe, Pa., where he formerly served as pastor of the Reformed church, where he rests in peace in the hope of a blessed resurrection.

Rev. Aaron Seibert Leinbach, D.D., died June 22d, 1896, at Reading, Pa.

Aaron Seibert Leinbach was a son of Rev. Thos. H. and Elizabeth Leinbach, born July 20th, 1825, in Spring township, several miles west of Reading. The years of his boyhood were spent in the parsonage of the Tulpehocken church. His classical training received its first unfolding in the Academies of Womelsdorf and Myerstown. In 1842 he entered Marshall College at Mercersburg, and was graduated with honor in 1846.

He pursued his theological course in the Seminary in the same village. In 1848 he was licensed and ordained by Lebanon Classis to preach the Gospel and installed as the pastor of the Palmyra charge, in Lebanon county, Pa. In the fall of the

same year he accepted a call to the 1st Reformed church, Reading, and continued to serve as its pastor 14½ years.

He was in 1855 to serve the Swartzwald congregation; in 1864, Shalter's church; in 1871, Hinnershitz church; in 1871, Alsace church; in 1873, Spies church. These five named congregations constituted what is known as the Swartzwald charge, which Dr. Leinbach served within one year to the close of his life. In connection with his charge, he served at various periods the following congregations: Immanuel's church, Hamburg, from April, 1864 to 1866; St. Michael's church, Upper Bern, from Aug. 7, 1864, to September, 1867; St. John's Robesonia, from May 22, 1864, to June 29, 1873; Mohrsville church from Jan. 22, 1865, to Jan. 23, 1881; Bern church, from July 25, 1875, to Aug. 12, 1883; and Leesport church, from June 26, 1870, to Jan. 23, 1881.

In 1890 he was instrumental in the erection of St. Thos. Reformed church, in the northern part of Reading, towards which he contributed largely of his own means. Owing to his increasing infirmities he resigned, in 1895, the duties of his charge. A farewell service was held in each of his congregations, and the blessing of the Patriarch was invoked upon the people.

The anxious cares and sore trials confronting him during a long and arduous ministry gradually undermined his vigorous manhood.

At last, wearied and worn out, he closed his eventful life at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 18 days. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's church, Reading, Pa., and his earthly remains were laid quietly to rest in the shady retreat of Chas. Evans cemetery.

Rev. Frederick Pilgrim died July 5th, 1896, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Frederick Pilgrim was born Dec. 24, 1837, in Huntershausen, Hesse Cassel, Germany. He came, in 1851, with his parents to America, and settled in Philadelphia. His educational preparatory training was received in the Allentown Seminary. He was graduated at F. & M. College, in 1863, and from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, in 1866. He was licensed by Philadelphia Classis to preach the Gospel, and ordained and installed by St. Paul's Classis as pastor of the Shenango charge, consisting of five congregations, in Mercer

county. In 1868, he accepted a call to the Reformed church, Columbia, Pa. In 1872 he returned to Mercer county and became for the second time pastor of the Shenango charge. In 1887 he accepted a call to the Irvin charge, and in 1890 he made his home in Greenville, where he served as supply of several congregations in Mercer county.

In 1892 he accepted the call to Bethany charge, Lancaster county, and located with his family in Lititz, Pa. Being afflicted with a tumor, he sought relief from the affliction in a hospital at Philadelphia. The critical operation proved fatal, and life was ended at the age of 58 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Rev. Pilgrim was married to Elizabeth Hester, the only daughter of Dr. Moore, at Womelsdorf. In his married relation he was blessed with six sons and one daughter. His wife died several years ago and was buried in the Reformed cemetery, in her native village, and on the 7th of July, 1896, the earthly remains of Bro. Pilgrim were laid peacefully to rest by the side of his sainted wife, in the blessed hope of the resurrection.

Words of Remembrance for the Aged and the Infirm in the Ministry.

A special committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. H. Sangree, Rev. C. B. Schneder and Elder Justus Shearer, to convey the sympathy and prayers of Synod to our aged ministers, some of whom, in their declining years, are in affliction.

The following preamble and resolution were presented by the committee, and adopted:

While the Eastern Synod is tenting on the high hills of its history, celebrating its third jubilee, receiving the greetings of its daughter Synods, looking with devout gratitude back along the path in which God has led it, rejoicing in its sublime present, and confident in Jesus Christ of a glorious future, realizing these festive days, in greater degree than usual the blessedness of the communion of Christ and of saints—the living and the illustrious, the devoted, the heroic dead of our Church—this Synod remembers with especially tender love, those of its members, who from infirmities of years, of disease and domestic afflictions are prevented from full participation in the holy joys and solemnities of this sesqui-centennial, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod, through its Corresponding Secretary, send to each of the brethren hereafter named, the loving remembrance and benediction of this Synod, and remind them that none of their labors in Christ are forgotten, but are remembered by Him and will receive His commendation in the day of his appearing; that He will be with them even unto the end, in their retirement and seclusion, as He will be with us in the whitened fields of the world; and that His coming draweth nigh, and their full salvation is near; that soon they shall enter into the joy of their God, and with the glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in Him, shall wait in rest and peace the consummation of redemption and bliss in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

The following names with others, who may be made known to the Corresponding Secretary, are included in this resolution:

Revs. John Wolbach, Catasauqua, Pa.; E. D. Shoemaker, 1024 Oxford street, Philadelphia; Alfred B. Shenkle, Millersville, Pa.; Rudolph Duenger, D.D., Ashland, Pa.; Wm. W. Clouser, White Deer Mills, Pa.; John Dotterer, Lamar, Pa.; Clement Z. Weiser, East Greenville, Pa.; Augustus L. Dechant, Pennsburg, Pa.; Wm. G. Engle, Williamsport, Pa.; John Naille, Hatfield, Pa.; Abraham Bartholomew, Lehighton, Pa.; A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

MILTON H. SANGREE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND F. AND M. COLLEGE.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

A.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two special and two regular meetings. The special meetings were held Nov. 19th,

1895, and Dec. 3d, 1895, to take action in reference to the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor. As the Seminary grounds were not considered suitable for the erection of the house, the Building Committee suggested the purchase of a lot of ground on James street, from Professor Theodore Appel. No final action was then taken.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 14th, 1896, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess, and Treasurer, John B. Roth. At this meeting a committee was appointed to purchase the lot above referred to, at $50 per foot.

The regular fall meeting of the Board was held in the Seminary building, on October 6th, 1896, at which meeting the committee, appointed in May, reported that in accordance with the instruction of the Board they had purchased a lot from Prof. Theodore Appel, containing a frontage of 50 feet on James street, at $50 per foot ($2,500), whereupon the Board passed the following preambles and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees found it necessary to secure additional ground for the erection of a professor's house at a cost of $2,500, and

WHEREAS, $1,250 has only been secured for that purpose by the personal subscription of individual members of the Board, and a further sum of $1,250 will be needed to pay for the property, therefore,

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to assume the balance (viz., $1,250), and provide funds for the payment of the same.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase of the endowment fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and

WHEREAS, The Synods were then requested to assume *annual apportionments* for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate $1,200 to meet the annual expenses of the present year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

The following minute was adopted, in reference to the death of Daniel W. Gross, a former member of the Board:

"It has become the sad duty of the Board of Trustees to make a record of the departure of one who was for a long time a distinguished and influential member of our body, Daniel W. Gross, of Harrisburg, Pa. For twenty-five years and upwards he was our efficient and honored presiding officer. Only when the increasing infirmities of advancing age demanded it, were the Eastern Synod and the Board willing to yield to his persistent request to be relieved of the responsibilities of his official trust.

"Mr. Gross was a devoted member of the Reformed Church, a warm and faithful friend of the Theological Seminary and of Franklin and Marshall College, a wise, steady and liberal supporter of every measure adopted to promote the growth of these institutions. He was not only a faithful friend, but he was no less a judicious counsellor, whose judgment in practical affairs commanded the respect of all who were associated with him.

"Whilst we lament his departure and keenly feel the loss which this Board and the Church militant have sustained, we are profoundly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the long life and noble services of such a man of faith; and we rejoice in the testimony to the virtue of Christian truth, which by his fidelity and the consistency of his character he has bequeathed to us."

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,

HELLERTOWN, October 7th, 1896. *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

Account of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896:

In account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

1895.				
Oct.	5.	To int. of	S. R. Wolfersberger to Oct. 1, 1895	$55.00
Oct.	14.	" "	bonds to October 1, 1895	13.89
Oct.	14.	" "	N. Groff to Oct. 1, 1895	30.00
Oct.	30.	" "	St. Stephen's chapel to Oct. 29, 1895	15.00
Nov.	20.	" "	J. A. Snider in full	151.33
Nov.	20.	" "	St. John's Luth. Ch. to Nov. 15, 1895	106.00

Nov. 27.	"	"	lightning damages received.....	139.30
Nov. 30.	"	"	John F. Bassler on account.....	5.00
Dec. 4.	"	"	W. Lysinger on account.....	30.00
Dec. 7.	"	"	Becker property.....	205.24
Dec. 7.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. bonds to Dec. 1, 1895	150.00
Dec. 7.	"	"	Mercersburg Classis to Jan. 1, 1896..	15.00
Dec. 17.	"	"	First Ref. Ch.,Lancaster, to Oct. 1,1895	50.00
Dec. 18.	"	"	W. Lysinger to Nov. 15, 1895.....	60.00
Dec. 24.	"	"	John F. Bassler, to Oct. 1, 1895.....	6.00
1896.				
Feb. 7.	"	"	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., Div. No. 41	20.00
Feb. 10.	"	"	A. and A. J. Fritz, on account.....	2 5.00
Feb. 15.	"	"	F. & M. College in full.....	131.25
Mar. 7.	"	"	J. Metzger in full.....	92.08
Mar. 16.	"	"	J. S. Groff to April 1, 1896.....	82.50
Mar. 20.	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer to April 1, 1896....	150.00
Mar. 24.	"	"	F. J. Westley to April 1, 1896.....	48.00
Mar. 28.	"	"	S. M. Keen to April 1, 1896.....	75.00
Mar. 28.	"	"	D. H. Wingerd to Nov. 5, 1896.....	450.00
Mar. 30.	"	"	A. Cunkle to April 1, 1896.....	38.50
Mar. 30.	"	"	Mrs. Goodell to April 1, 1896.....	12.50
Apr. 1.	"	"	S. J. Johnson to April 1, 1896.....	60.00
Apr. 1.	"	"	W. U. Hensel to April 1, 1896.....	125.00
Apr. 2.	"	"	A. and A. J. Fritz to April 1, 1896....	57.50
Apr. 6.	"	"	W. F. Hambright to April 17, 1896..	75.00
Apr. 6.	"	"	Columbia & Lancaster traction bonds to April 1, 1896.....	112.50
Apr. 6.	"	"	Newton Groff to April 1, 1896.....	30.00
Apr. 7.	"	"	Kieffer legacy to April 1, 1896.....	237.50
Apr. 7.	"	"	S. R. Wolfersburger to April 1, 1896	5 5.00
Apr. 9.	"	"	Becker property.....	147.00
Apr. 9.	"	"	U. S. Martin,Treasurer,to April 1, 1896	50.00
Apr. 13.	"	"	Jacob Cunkle, to April 1, 1896.....	123.75
Apr. 15.	"	"	Jacob Heyser on account.....	90.00
Apr. 21.	"	"	Jacob Robinson to April 25, 1896....	18.00
May 5.	"	"	E. Susq. Classis on account.....	35.70
May 8.	"	"	E. S. Stehman to May 3, 1896.....	37.50
May 8.	"	"	Stehman,Jenks & Stahman June 1,1896	11.55
May 8.	"	"	Amos Christ to April 1, 1896.....	90.00
May 8.	"	"	P. M. Ermantrout on account.....	135.00
May 13.	"	"	Henry Kern to April 1, 1896.....	30.00
May 18.	"	"	Zion's Classis to April 1, 1896.....	22.45
May 19.	"	"	Cook legacy to Sept. 1, 1895.....	30.00
May 20.	"	"	Lane & Co. to April 1, 1896.....	125.00
May 21.	"	"	St. John's Luth. church to May 15, 1896	106.00
May 29.	"	"	P. M. Ermantrout to April 1, 1896..	137.03
May 30.	"	"	E. Susq. Classis in full.....	8.40
May 30.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. bonds to June 1,1896	150.00
June 3.	"	"	Becker property	5.80
July 7.	"	"	Osborne & Co. to June 21, 1896.....	200.00
July 10.	"	"	Becker property to July 1, 1896.....	147.50
July 13.	"	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co. to July 1, 1896	4.35
July 13.	"	"	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., Div. No. 42	20.00
July 29.	"	"	Geo. Carbaugh to April 1, 1896....	120.00
Aug. 13.	"	"	A. & A. J. Fritz, on account.....	57.20
Aug. 14.	"	"	Error in Bests bill.....	2.61
Aug. 15.	"	"	John F. Bassler on account.....	4.00
Aug. 28.	"	"	A. Goodell & Son to Sept. 1, 1896....	59.50
Sept. 7.	"	"	Cook legacy to March 1, 1896.....	30.00

Sept. 14.	"	"	Berwyn water bonds, to Sept. 1, 1896	3.17
Sept. 14.	"	"	D. P. Locher Sons, to Sept. 15, 1896..	291.66
Sept. 14.	"	"	Lane & Co. to Oct. 1, 1896.....	62.50
Sept. 16.	"	"	Rev. John W. Steinmetz to Oct. 1,1896	18.00
Sept. 18.	"	"	Wyoming Classis to July 1, 1896....	30.00
Sept. 19.	"	"	John F. Bassler on account.....	6.00
Sept. 23.	"	"	Mrs. C. K. S. Goodell to Oct. 1, 1896	25.00
Sept. 30.	"	"	Theo. Sem'y Aid Fund transf. to date	755.35
Sept. 30.	"	"	Annie L. Passmore to Oct. 1, 1896..	45.00
Sept. 30.	"	"	Lancaster & Columbia Traction Co. to Oct. 1, 1896.....	112.50
Sept. 30.	"	"	Samuel M. Keen to Oct. 1, 1896....	75.00

Total receipts to Oct. 1, 1896..... $6,331.61

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1896.

CR.

1895.				
Oct.	1.	By	balance due Treasurer as per account.....	$2,328.12
Oct.	1.	"	Sem'y electric light bill to date.....	1.00
Oct.	28.	"	"New Era" printing bill.....	16.83
Nov.	1.	"	Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1896.....	150.00
Nov.	1.	"	Electric light bill to date.....	3.30
Nov.	8.	"	James Smithgall, janitor, on account of salary	35.00
Nov.	14.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account.....	200.00
Nov.	14.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D.....	200.00
Nov.	14.	"	T. A. Gast, D.D.....	200.00
Nov.	27.	"	Seminary repairs. (Lighting).....	139.30
Nov.	9.	"	Seminary electric light bill.....	4.90
Nov.	9.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1896....	175.00
Nov.	9.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1896	175.00
Nov.	9.	"	T. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1896.....	175.00
Nov.	9.	"	Reiley Bros. & Raub, bill.....	13.17
Nov.	9.	"	B. B. Martin, coal bill.....	165.00
Nov.	9.	"	B. B. Martin, lumber bill.....	6.54
Nov.	10.	"	Lancaster Trust Co.....	50.00
Nov.	16.	"	John Best's bill, Aug. 31, 1896.....	.25
Nov.	17.	"	James Smithgall on salary account.....	40.00
Nov.	23.	"	Reiley Bros. & Raub, bill.....	2.25
1896.				
Jan.	2.	"	W. D. Sprecher & Son, bill	8.80
Jan.	4.	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....	68.54
Jan.	9.	"	Kansas property repairs.....	72.50
Jan.	9.	"	Seminary electric light bill to Feb. 1, 1896..	1.90
Jan.	27.	"	James Smithgall on salary account.....	30.00
Nov.	9.	"	Seminary electric light bill to Jan. 1, 1896....	1.90
Feb.	7.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account of salary.....	200.00
Feb.	7.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., on account of salary	200.00
Feb.	7.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on account of salary.....	200.00
Feb.	27.	"	James Smithgall, D.D., on account of salary..	25.00
Mar.	4.	"	Electric light bill to March 1, 1896.....	4.70
Mar.	7.	"	John Best's bill Jan. 31, 1896.....	2.61
Mar.	21.	"	Treasurer on salary account.....	100.00
Mar.	27.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., to April 1, 1896.....	175.00
Mar.	27.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., to April 1, 1896.....	175.00
Mar.	27.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., to April 1, 1896.....	175.00
Mar.	27.	"	"Intelligencer" bill of of catalogues.....	53.74
Mar.	27.	"	B. B. Martin, coal bill.....	82.50
Mar.	31.	"	James Smithgall on salary account.....	100.00
Apr.	1.	"	Smaltz fund, interest to date.....	125.00

Apr. 2.	"	Jno. L. Arnold's bill	2.03
Apr. 6.	"	Electric light bill to April 1, 1896	2.60
Apr. 11.	"	P. O. S. for Catalogues, E. V. G., D.D.	6.00
Apr. 14.	"	interest on Pittsburg Prof. Fund to Apr. 1,1896	105.58
Apr. 15.	"	Wickersham Printing Co. bill	1.75
Apr. 24.	"	B. B. Martin, bill	2.70
Apr. 24.	"	Geo. U. Schroyer & Son, bill	4.50
May 8.	"	Seminary electric light bill to May 1, 1896	1.30
May 8.	"	Seminary gas bill to May 1, 1896	1.65
May 8.	"	Sacred Rhetoric Fund, interest to April 1, 1896	5.98
May 8.	"	Church History Fund, interest to April 1, 1896	50.00
May 11.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary account	200.00
May 11.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., salary account	200.00
May 11.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account	200.00
May 12.	"	interest on Wolff property to July 1, 1896	7.08
May 22.	"	Seminary ad. in Oriflamme, 1896	10.00
May 27.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to July 1, 1896	175.00
May 27.	"	record of deed and release of Wolff property	2.80
May 29.	"	Jas. Smithgall on salary account	25.00
June 1.	"	interest to H. R. Erb, Wolff mortgage to date	27.48
June 1.	"	Seminary electric light bill to June 1, 1896	2.60
June 10.	"	C. Moser, pump repairs	1.50
June 22.	"	Minnie L. Morgan, elocution in full	150.00
June 22.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., to July 1, 1896	175.00
June 22.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., to July 1, 1896	175.00
July 9.	"	Electric light bill to July 1, 1896	1.00
July 20.	"	James Smithgall on salary account	50.00
Aug. 4.	"	Treasurer, on account of salary	100.00
Aug. 4.	"	Electric light bill to Aug. 1, 1896, and stamps	2.00
Aug. 5.	"	Frank Faesig, bill	2.50
Aug. 12.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account	200.00
Aug. 12.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., salary account	200.00
Aug. 12.	"	lightning rod bill, E. K. Hum	40.00
Aug. 12.	"	John Best's bill, contract by J. C. Bowman	79.53
Aug. 14.	"	Chas. A. Heinitsh, bill	1.20
Sept. 4.	"	Seminary electric light bill to Sept. 1, 1896	1.00
Sept. 5.	"	Thomas G. Apple, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1896	175.00
Sept. 5.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1896	175.00
Sept. 8.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1896	375.00
Sept. 9.	"	Library Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	65.99
Sept. 9.	"	Smaltz Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	125.00
Sept. 9.	"	Pittsburg Prof. Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	105.58
Sept. 9.	"	Klopp Legacy Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	40.00
Sept. 9.	"	Jacob Forney Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	50.00
Sept. 9.	"	Henry Wirt Fund, interest to Oct. 1, 1896	50.00
Sept. 9.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, Trust Fund, to Oct. 1, 1896	35.00
Sept. 10.	"	W. U. Hensal, professor's services	50.00
Sept. 29.	"	James Smithgall, salary account	60.00
			$9,403.93
Oct. 1.		Amount Dr. brought forward	$6,331.61
		Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1, 1896	$3,072.32

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

DR.

1895.			
Oct.	5.	Of W. Susquehanna Classis for Elocution	$6.00
Oct.	8.	" Lehigh Classis, per John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Seminary expenses	37.00

Oct.	16. Of Synod of the Potomac Elocution.....		75.00
Dec.	9. " Zion's Classis' Seminary expenses	$15.00	
Dec.	9. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution	5.34	$20.34
Dec.	17. Of Lebanon Classis' Elocution.....		$14.00
1896.			
May	2. Of E. Pennsylvania Classis' Elocution.....		10.00
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	$1.62	
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Seminary expenses	8.23	$9.85
May	5. Of E. Susquehanna Classis' Elocution	$4.35	
May	5. Of East Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses	25.25	$29.60
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Elocution	$6.75	
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Seminary expenses	41.00	$47.75
May	6. Of W. Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses		21.00
May	8. Of Pittsburgh Synod Elocution.....		75.00
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod Elocution	$13.00	
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	49.00	$62.00
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	$15.00	
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Elocution	21.00	$36.00
May	23. Of Pittsburg Synod Seminary expenses.....		100.00
July	22. Of Potomac Synod Seminary expenses	$91.81	
July	22. Of Potomac Synod Elocution.....	75.00	$166.81
Sept.	25. Of Tohickon Classis' Elocution.....		9.00
Sept.	29. Of Schuylkill Classis paid by the Treasurer of Reading Classis for Seminary expenses....		36.00
			$755.35

Charged to Treasurer in the Current expense account of Theological Seminary, September 30, 1896.

Library Fund.

Principal	$1,819.96

Dr.

Received balance due to Oct. 1, 1895.....	202.22
Received interest on fund to October 1, 1896..	$65.99
	$268.21

Cr.

1896.		
Mar.	4. By bill paid Zahrn & Co.....	$ 11.25

Mar.	30.	" order to E. O. Keen.....	16.00	
Apr.	16.	" " " " "	35.71	
May	2.	" " " " "	93.45	
June	12.	" " " " "	4.69	$161.10
Oct.	1.	Balance due fund.....		$107.11

Smaltz Fund.

1895.				
Oct.	1.	Principal		$5,000.00
Oct.	1.	Interest received on same to October 1, 1896..		$250.00

Cr.

1896.				
Apr.	1.	By amount paid Treasurer of Beneficiary Board of Education, int. to April 1, 1896	$125.00	
Sept.	9.	By amount paid Treasurer of Beneficiary Board of Education, int. to Oct. 1, 1896	125.00	
			$250.00	

The William A. Wilt Fund.

Oct.	1.	Principal		$833.33
		Interest on this fund accounted for in the current expenses account of seminary.		

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1896.				
		Principal		$2,000.75

Dr.

		To balance due fund October 1, 1895	$69.95	
May	1.	Interest on same to date.....	50.00	$119.95

Cr.

May	9.	By prize paid H. M. J. Kline per award of committee.....	$100.00	
May	9.	Sundry expenses paid.....	2.00	102.00
Oct.	1.	Due fund		$17.95

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1895.				
Oct.	1.	For amount principal.....	$239.00	
1896.				
May	8.	For additional principal received of W. M. Irvine.....	68.12	$307.12

Dr.

1895.				
Oct.	1.	To balance due fund.....	.16	
Oct.	1.	To interest due to October 1, 1895..	4.98	
1896.				
May	8.	Interest due to May 1, 1896.....	5.98	
May	8.	Cash received of W. M. Irvine.....	3.88	15.00

Cr.

May	8.	By prize paid A. O. Reiter, per award of committee	$15.00

The Henry Wirt Fund.

	For Alcove in Seminary Library.....	$1,000.00
	By interest on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00

Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

1895			
Oct.	1.	Amount of principal in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary	$16,823.19
Oct.	1.	Received bond of Second Church, of Greensburg	6,000.00
Oct.	1.	Received Thomas Donohoe note.....	2,000.00
			$24,823.19
1896.			
March	26.	Received legacy of Susanna Weyandt, per Michael Bortz, executor of.....	$653.00
		and said sum paid to W. R. Barnhart for investment, per his receipt to John B. Roth, Treasurer.	
1895.			
Nov.	4.	Received interest on said fund as follows:	
Nov.	4.	W. R. Barnhart to C. Leck & Beachler's contribution $300.00	
Jan.	3.	Interest on Donohoe note..... 60.00	
Mar.	14.	" Second Ref. church, Greensburg 330.00	
Apr.	13.	" W. R. Barnhart (Johnstown In.) 84.00	
Apr.	14.	" Treasurer Theological Seminary to April 1, 1896..... 105.58	
Apr.	14.	" W. Rupp, D.D., to Jan. 1, 1896 48.00	
May	8.	" Clarion Classis, to Jan. 1, 1896 48.00	
July	16.	" Hempfield coal bonds to June 1, 1896 ..... 330.00	
July	15.	" Thomas Donohoe note..... 60.00	
Sept.	9.	" Treasurer Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1896..... 105.58	
		$1,471.16	
1896.			
Sept.	9.	By cash paid Wm. Rupp, D. D., Pittsburg Synod's Professor	$1,471.16

The Jacob Forney Fund.

1896.				
Oct.	1.	For Alcove in Theological Seminary Library building		$1,000.00
Oct.	1.	By interest due on same to October 1, 1895	$50.00	
Oct.	1.	By interest due on same to October 1, 1896	50.00	$100.00

The J. C. Bowman Trust Fund (Alcove).

1896.			
Oct.	1.	Principal	$750.00
		By interest due on same to October 1, 1896....	35.00

Theological Seminary Class of 1894 Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. (For Alcove)— Sundry obligations in hands of Treasurer amounting to		$981.00
	Cr.		
Oct.	1. By cash paid on same to October 1, 1896....		$129.00

Seminary Building Fund.

1895.			
	Dr.		
Oct.	1. To balance in hands of Treasurer	$51.47	
1896.			
Jany.	11. To cash received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	1,063.98	
March	6. To cash received of John J. Nissley,	748.53	$1,863.98
	Cr.		
Jany.	11. By sundry bills paid	$63.98	
	By amount paid on account of Wolff Property bo't by Seminary	1.000.00	
March	6. By property bo't by Seminary	800.00	$1,863.98

The John Reigel Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. Principal		$15,680.00
	Cr.		
	By note on account due July 20, 1895	$3,920.00	
	By note on account due July 20, 1896	3,920.00	$7,840.00

Statement of Funds.

Oct.	1. By	Endowment Fund	$94,418.69
Oct.	1. "	Smaltz Fund	5,000.00
Oct.	1. "	Library Fund	1,819.96
Oct.	1. "	Pittsburg Prof. Fund	24,823.19
Oct.	1. "	Church History Fund	2,000.75
Oct.	1. "	Sacred Rhetoric Fund	307.12
Oct.	1. "	Wm. A. Wilt Fund	833.33
Oct.	1. "	Jacob Forney Fund, Library Alcove	1,000.00
Oct.	1. "	John Riegel Fund	15,680.00
Oct.	1. "	Seminary Class 1894 Fund, Library Alcove	981.00
Oct.	1. "	Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund, Library Al-	
Oct.	1. "	Henry Wirt Trust Fund, Library Alcove	1,000.00
		cove	750.00
			$148,614.04

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and we find them correct.

John D. Skiles,
Jacob H. Stein,
Committee.

Lancaster, October 2, 1896.

B.—Report of the Board of Education up to date, in Account with Chas. G. Fisher.

1895.

DR.

Oct.	5.	Cash on hand	$436.47
Oct.	5.	C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis	50.00
Oct.	5.	E. P. Santee, Treasurer of Christ Ref. Ch., Phila.	58.63
Oct.	9.	J. W. Wetzel, esq., interest on Braucht legacy	80.00
Nov.	16.	O. T. Davis Co., interest on mortgage	35.00
Dec.	9.	J. Deisinger, Treasurer of Zion's Classis	50.00
Dec.	9.	Jac. K. Funck, Treas. St. John's church, Lebanon	25.00
1896.			
Jan.	9.	Rev. D. N. Ditmar, First church, Fort Washington	25.00
Jan.	21.	J. Deisinger, Treasurer of Zion's Classis	88.00
Jan.	21.	U. K. Faust, amount returned from Smaltz Fund	25.00
Jan.	29.	J. G. Gerhard, Treasurer	694.79
			$1,767.99
From this is to be deducted the amount of the Secretary's note found among investments, of net receipts			300.00
			$1,467.99

CR.

1895.			
Oct.	10.	For cash paid to beneficiaries	$1,513.59
Oct.	10.	Paid on note received in bank	50.00
			$1,563.59
		Leaving amount overpaid by Dr. Fisher, Treas.	95.60
			$1,476.99

Report of John B. Roth, Acting Treasurer Ad Interim.

After the death of Dr. Fisher, there was some difficulty in finding a suitable person to act as his successor. Whereupon Mr. John B. Roth consented to act as Treasurer until the annual meeting of the Board. The following is his report:

DR.

1896.			
Mar.	28.	To cash received of Theo. Appel as a loan	$99.00
Apr.	1.	Interest to April 1, 1896, on Smaltz legacy, of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary	125.00
Apr.	17.	Interest to April 1, 1896, on Braught legacy, of John H. Wetzel, esq	80.00
May	5.	Missionary Society of First Reformed church of York, per I. O. Miller, D.D., pastor	45.00
May	6.	Ref. Ch., Fort Washington, per D. W. Ditmar	16.00
			$365.00

CR.

		For cash paid to beneficiaries from March 30th to May 9th	$306.25
		Balance on hand	58.75
May	9.	By check payable to Theodore Appel Secretary of Beneficiary Board	$58.75

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer, pro tem.

At the annual meeting of the Board, in May last, Mr. John Hertzler, of Lancaster, was elected Treasurer of the Board for one year. The following is his report, up to date:

DR.

1896.		
May	14. Salary of the Secretary	$23.75
May	14. Loaned to the Secretary	101.00
From May 15 to Sept. 23. Paid to beneficiaries		218.75
From Sept. 23 to Sept. 26. Travelling expenses of Board and Treasurer		16.40
	Balance in the Treasury	138.45
		$498.35

CR.

1896.		
May	14. From the Board's loan	$295.35
May	14. Interest on note of Secretary	18.00
May	25. St. Luke's church, North Wales	20.00
Sept.	9. Interest from Smaltz Fund	125.00
Sept.	14. Interest from Klopp legacy	40.00
		$498.35

I hereby testify that, at the request of the Board, I have examined the above reports of the different Treasurers, comparing them with the vouchers, and that I have found them to be correct. THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1896.

C.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Theological Seminary for the year 1895-1896:

1. In September, 1895, the Seminary began its work for the year with thanksgivings and rejoicings, in the new building erected on its own ground. It had been carried forward previously for 23 years in inadequate quarters in the college building; and its occupancy of a new structure of its own, which is all that could be desired, presents a marked contrast, for which the Church at large should be truly thankful to Almighty God, who has thus blessed our School of the Prophets.

2. The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1895: Albert Orlando Bartholomew, Luton W. Fetterrolf, Hugh Kerr Fulton, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Edwin Mittman Hartman, George W. Hartman, Thaddeus G. Helm, Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Poetter, Ward W. Reese, Calvin J. Rhen, Morris E. Schadt, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Frederick Curtis Seitz, George C. Shaw, William D. Stoyer, and Victor J. Tingler, 17 in all; of this number 10 were graduates of F. & M. College; one of John Hopkins University; one of Muhlenberg College; one from Ursinus College; one of Thiel College; one of Calvin College; one of Harvard University, and one was admitted from F. M. Academy. During the winter Mr. Shaw was overtaken with a serious illness, and in the providence of God was removed to a better country. He was an earnest and faithful Christian, a diligent student, and one of the most proficient in his class.

3. The *Middle Class* consisted of the persons admitted to the Junior Class in 1894, with the exception of Messrs. Nace and Plank, who did not return during the year; but two new students were added to their number, Conrad A. Houser, a graduate of John Hopkins, and the Rev. Charles F. McMann, a minister of the Baptist Church. Total, 29.

4. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following members: Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, J. Calvin Bolger, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hüllhorst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edwin H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, and David J. Wolf; total, 19. Having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, the members of this class received the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary, in May. The number of students enrolled was 65.

5. As regards the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church, there is nothing to be said, "in the opinion of the Faculty," but what is commendable. If there is any difference, the average standing of the students as to scholarship and Christian character was rather higher than that of some previous years. Their average grades for scholarship were encouraging.

6. The instruction in elocution during the year has been satisfactory. According to the report of the Faculty, "Miss Morgan has rendered better satisfaction to her classes than any male teacher we have ever been able to engage." She, however, has declined to serve during the coming year, and no arrangement has been made to fill her place.

7. As a Board, we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties, and it is our privilege once more to report that the Seminary, under the divine care, continues to be in a prosperous condition, furnishing more laborers for the moral harvests of the world. To the Father in Heaven be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1896.

P. S.—The Secretary has now been a member of the Board of Visitors for 25 years, and whilst he is still willing cheerfully to discharge any duties imposed on him by the Church, he would be pleased, if the Synod thinks proper, to be relieved of the duty of serving any longer as a member of the Board.

T. A.

D.—Report of Theological Seminary Building Committee.

To the Eastern Synod:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Theological Seminary Building beg leave to submit the following statement, to wit:

Cash on hand Oct. 16, 1896	$356.84
Received from canvass of charges during the year and from collections of former subscriptions	3,808.32
	$4,165.16
Paid, as per vouchers, to Synodical Treasurer, J. J. Nissley	$1,812.51
Amount to Treasurer J. B. Roth	2,000.00
	$3,812.51
Leaving a balance on hand of	$352.65

All bills contracted during the construction of the building have been paid.

The only unpaid claims are in the form of notes given for loans, and these are offset by subscriptions, which will probably be paid during the next twelve months.

So that your committee feel warranted in promising that by

the time of your next annual meeting, full provision will have been made for the entire cost of the new Seminary buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

We, the committee appointed to audit the above report, have carefully examined all accounts with vouchers and found the same to be correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
GEO. W. RICHARDS.

E.—Report of Supt. of Canvass for the Seminary Building.

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your superintendent of the canvass in this Synod in the interest of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, begs leave to submit the following report:

The work has been finished. During the past year the only church canvassed was Salem Reformed church, at Harrisburg, from which we received $550. Your Supt. and the committee whose co-operation is hereby cordially acknowledged, asks to be discharged. Sincerely yours,

CYRUS J. MUSSER.

F.—Report of Committee on Selection of Site and Construction of Building for Potomac Synod's Professor.

The committee appointed to select a site and to superintend the construction of a building for the Potomac Synod's professor in the Theological Seminary, is composed of the following representatives:

Eastern Synod, John D. Skiles, Jacob B. Fricker; *Pittsburgh Synod*, B. Wolf, jr.; *Potomac Synod*, Geo. N. Forney, S. U. Hench, J. C. Bowman.

The committee was organized by the election of Mr. Skiles as president and Prof. Bowman as secretary and treasurer.

Four meetings were held jointly by the committee and the Trustees of the Seminary, at which the matter of selecting a site was carefully considered.

The committee and the Board were unanimous in the judgment that neither the old ground, nor that adjoining the new buildings, should be used as a site for a professor's house, unless desirable ground in the neighborhood could not be secured.

The effort to secure additional ground resulted in the pur-

chase which has been reported to you by the Board of Trustees.

Should the Synods confirm the purchase of the new ground, it is the purpose of your committee to begin the work of building as soon as a suitable plan, with specifications, can be secured.

In order to pay for the entire cost of construction, your committee recommend the following plan, viz:

(1) That the Board of Trustees be authorized to effect a loan by issuing a mortgage or mortgage bonds for whatever indebtedness may not be provided for through the efforts of the Building Committee.

(2) That the Potomac Synod's professor pay annually to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the total amount of interest upon the loan, until the indebtedness be removed, or until other means be devised for the payment of the interest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SKILES, *Chairman.*

A motion was made and carried, that the Trustees of Theological Seminary be instructed to make provision to secure sufficient ground for the erection of three professors' houses. This action and the foregoing report was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

G.—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The following report is respectfully submitted on behalf of Franklin and Marshall College:

The work of the College during the past year has been eminently satisfactory. The enrollment of students was as follows: Seniors, 26; Juniors, 33; Sophomores, 57; Freshmen, 41; special students, 4. Total, 161.

The degree of A. B. was conferred upon the following members of the Senior class: John Knorr Adams, John Light Atlee, Robert Hood Bowers, William Geiss Cleaver, Elmer Leslie Coblentz, Edward Andrew Cremer, John Frank Dechant, William Smith Fisher, Albert Harrison Ginder, George G. Greenawald, Walter Keller Harnish, Samuel High, Moses Augustus Kieffer, John Roland Kinzer, Willoughby Henry

Millhouse, Samuel Martin Meyers, John Atlee Nauman, Josephy Perry Ratzell, Daniel Edward Remsberg, Robert Franklin Reed, William Edward Schaak, Henry Nathan Smith, Samuel Henry Stein, Nevin Lucian Weidner.

The degree of A. M. in course, was conferred upon the following graduates of the College: Rev. J. Lucian Roush, Rev. Daniel G. Hetrick, Prof. Charles V. Smith, Rev. Charles F. Althouse, Rev. Ellis S. Hay, Rev. William D. Happel, Joseph H. Bowman, Charles H. LeFevre, John J. Rothermel, J. Rauch Stein, Dr. Edgar D. Thompson, Albert D. Wannemaker. The degree of A. M. for meritorious work, was conferred upon George T. Shower, M.D., of Woodbury, Md., and upon Prof. John M. Grove, of Lancaster, Pa.

The following degrees were conferred:

D.D.—Rev. W. H. Deatrick, Newport, Pa.; Rev. S. Reid Bridenbaugh, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Henry C. Swentzel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LL.D.—J. Watts de Peyster, Tivoli, N. Y.

The enrollment for the present year is larger than last year. The number of new students is as follows: Graduate students, 2; Juniors, 3; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 45; special students, or those who take a partial course, 7. Total, 61. The number in actual attendance is as follows: Graduate students, 2; Seniors, 31; Juniors, 56; Sophomores, 33; Freshmen, 45; special students, 8. Total, 175.

The exceptionally large Junior class had to be divided into two sections for class-room instruction. As three of the classes are now divided into sections, it will be readily seen that the work of the professors has been materially increased. Provision has been made, however, to carry forward the instruction in all the departments, and we anticipate a year of successful and prosperous work. Prof. A. V. Hiester, at the last commencement, obtained leave of absence for the purpose of accepting an appointment to a fellowship in Columbia College in the further prosecution of his studies. In his place Prof. Samuel W. Kerr has been appointed, and he has entered upon the discharge of the duties incumbent upon the position under auspices which promise a successful career.

It is believed that the effect of military instruction and drill has been decidedly beneficial. Believing that it would be pos-

sible to secure still better results by a better organization of the work in this department, the Board of Trustees resolved to make military drill obligatory upon the members of the two lower classes, excepting such as should be, for cause, excused by the Faculty. It is not intended that students should be required, however, to procure a full uniform.

The finances of the College at the close of the last year were found to be in a better condition than we ventured to hope a year ago. There was a deficit, to be sure; but it was not as large as was anticipated, in view of the additional expense incurred by the employment of two new professors at the beginning of the year. The expenses exceeded the income by $687.93; but in this statement no account is made of moneys pledged to the Savings and Loan Association, which it was understood should be immediately available for the use of the College. These, with accrued interest, when covered into the treasury, will fully make good the deficit.

During the last vacation extensive improvements were made in the grounds and buildings of the College. College Avenue has been graded by the city and cut down in front of the entrance gate, making the construction of a new entrance-way necessary. The fence fronting on the avenue has been removed and a terrace constructed. When this is sodded and a pavement laid it will constitute a great improvement. The College tower has been repaired; additional work-tables have been prepared in the laboratory; a tank for water supply has been erected; and baths have been provided in the gymnasium. A new Electric Program Clock, with dials in each recitation room, which rings the hours automatically, has been purchased for the College, and a new bell has been donated by Mrs. Geo. N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa., in memory of her deceased son, Jacob Wirt Forney, an alumnus of the College.

These improvements add greatly to the working facilities and good appearance of the College and the comfort of the students. There is, however, an imperative call for better library facilities and larger laboratories. We hope to have a new library building in the near future, and a number of contributions toward the erection of a new scientific building have been pledged. As the classes increase, the call for additional professors and enlarged facilities becomes more urgent. It

is only necessary that the friends of the College should respond to this call and help to promote the rising tide of prosperity which has so manifestly begun. With the prayers and assistance of the Church in three Synods, there can be no doubt of the success of the movement in which we are engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

II.—Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College.

The report on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College was presented on Friday's session, considered and adopted.

The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to submit the following report:

The papers which came into our hands were (1) The report of the Board of Visitors, and (2) The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; (3) The report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod; (4) The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of the institution; (5) The report of the Committee on selection of site and construction of a house for Potomac Synod's professor; (6) Proposed action of Synod on ground for a professor's house for Pittsburgh Synod; (7) A resolution of Synod in reference to purchasing ground for a house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that 17 young men entered the Junior Class at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1895; that the Middle Class numbered 29 members, and that the Senior Class, consisting of 19 members, having finished their course of study in the Seminary and having passed a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were awarded the usual testimonials at the anniversary of the Seminary in the month of May. There were accordingly 65 students in the Seminary during the year, and nine in the post-graduate course. Of their moral and Christian conduct, of their application to study and of their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church, we are told, there is nothing to be said but what is commendable. The venerable Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Theodore Ap-

pel, D.D., has now been a member of the Board of Visitors for 25 years, and whilst he is still willing cheerfully to discharge any duties imposed upon him by the Church, he would be pleased, if the Synod thinks proper, to be relieved of the duty of serving any longer as a member of the Board.

2. The Board of Trustees held two special and two regular meetings during the year. The special meetings were held to take action in reference to the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor. As the Seminary grounds were not considered suitable for the erection of the house, a committee was appointed to purchase a lot on James street, from Prof. Theodore Appel, etc. etc. This lot, containing a frontage of 50 feet, was purchased for the sum of $2,500. One half of this amount, viz: $1,250, was secured by the personal subscriptions of individual members of the Board. The three Synods are respectfully requested to assume the balance, viz: $1,250, and provide funds for the payment of the same. Synod is also requested to again apportion $600 towards the contingent expenses of the Seminary. Suitable action was taken in reference to the death of Daniel W. Gross, who was for many years a faithful and influential member of the Board.

3. From the report of the Treasurer we learn, that there are funds in his hands to the amount of $148,614.04. Of this amount $5,000 is the Smaltz Fund; $1,819.96, Library Fund; $24,823.19, Pittsburgh Prof. Fund; $2,000.75, Church History Fund; $307.12, Sacred Rhetoric Fund; $833.33, Wm. A. Wilt Fund; $1,000, Jacob Forney Fund (Library alcove); $15,680, John Riegel Fund; $981, Seminary Class, 1894, (Library alcove) Fund; $750, Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., in trust; $1,000, Henry Wirt Fund.

4. The report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod shows that, including the cash on hand in Oct., 1895, its income during the year for the purpose of beneficiary education amounted to $2,092.89, and that $1,954.44 were expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of $138.45.

5. The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College shows that this institution is in a very prosperous condition; that the last graduating class numbered 24 young men, all of whom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; that the entire number of students in the College was 161, and that

this year it is still larger, viz. 175; that while the College is well equipped for its work and its future prospects are bright, there is, nevertheless, most urgent need of larger endowment and fuller equipment, in order that this, our oldest literary institution, may properly perform the work to which it has been called.

In view of all these facts, your committee recommend the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1 That we hereby express our devout gratitude to almighty God for the blessings bestowed upon these institutions during the past year.

Resolved, 2 That the Synod assume the $600 required to meet the contingent expenses of the Seminary, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to apportion the same upon the Classes.

Resolved, 3 That the thanks of this Synod are hereby extended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for their generous donation toward the payment of a lot for the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor.

Resolved, 4 That the Board of Trustees be authorized by this Synod (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the cost of each lot not to exceed $2,500, the one lot to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh Synod's professor, and the second lot as a site for the house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Resolved, 5 That the Trustees be and hereby are empowered to effect a loan of $6,250 for the payment of the $1,250 not provided for of the cost of the lot for the Potomac Synod's professor's house, and for the payment of the two lots mentioned above, and that the three Synods assume and pay the interest annually in the following order until arrangements can be made for the payment of the principal:

Eastern Synod	$185
Pittsburgh Synod	65
Potomac Synod	125

Resolved, 6 That this action be laid before the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, with the hope that they will give it their approval.

Resolved, 7 That this Synod hereby confirms the purchase

of the lot selected by the Board of Trustees for the house of the professor of the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, 8 That the Board of Trustees be authorized to effect a loan by issuing a mortgage or mortgage bonds for whatever indebtedness is not provided for through the efforts of the Building Committee in erecting a house for the professor of the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, 9 That the Potomac Synod's professor pay annually to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the total amount of interest upon the loan until the indebtedness be removed, or until other means be devised for the payment of the interest.

Resolved, 10, That it is with great pleasure that we have heard of the prosperous condition of Franklin and Marshall College; that we heartily recommend it to the patronage and support of our people; that we approve of the plan adopted by the Board of Trustees of the College to increase its endowment, and hereby request the pastors and consistories of our various congregations to open the way for the execution of the project by heartily co-operating with the committee of one from each Classis appointed last year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform Pittsburgh and Potomac Synod, concerning the action taken in the adoption of the foregoing report in regard to securing available ground for the erection of houses for the professors of the Theological Seminary.

A.—Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For six years*: George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa. *For four years*: J. Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa. *For two years*: John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Reigel, Easton, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For six years*: Israel Loucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa. *For four years*: George N. For-

ney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa. *For two years*: H. W. Schriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—*For five years*: W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa. *For three years*: C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa. *For one year*: P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

B.—Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., Easton Pa. *For two years*: Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Jno. Phil. Stein, Reading Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. E. R. Eschbaugh, D.D., Frederick, Md.; J. O. Miller, D.D., York Pa. *For two years*: Rev. J. Spangler Keiffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—*For three years*: Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. *For one year*: Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., Myersdale, Pa.

C.—College Endowment Committee.

A year ago, at the Synod at Shamokin, a committee of one from each Classis was appointed to assist in carrying forward the work of endowment of F. & M. College. Synod respectfully calls the attention of this committee to the special work of their appointment, and urges speedy action, in connection with the Field Secretary, for the increase of the endowment of the aforesaid institution.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Annual Report of Board of Home Missions.

To the Synods:

BRETHREN:—The Triennial Report of the Board, to the General Synod, at its meeting in May last, brought the operations of the Board to the notice of the Church, up to that date. Nearly twenty thousand copies of that report were distributed among the pastors and members of the Church. It has not been deemed necessary, therefore, to offer any very extended report to the Synods, at their annual meetings, this fall. This

report is of a general character, so far as the work of the Board is concerned, but somewhat specific in calling attention to the recommendations and apportionments made by the General Synod.

The work has moved along prosperously during the year. So far as the work done by missionaries is concerned, no previous year has witnessed more faithful service, while the missions have not, in any previous year, made more substantial progress.

The Board has been, at different times during the year, very much embarrassed because of the lack of funds. This was caused, doubtless, by the stringency of the times. When the General Synod met in May, the indebtedness of the Board had been entirely met and about $1,000 remained in the treasury. However, when the Executive Committee met in July last, there was lacking the sum of nearly $6,000, and the Board was compelled to borrow $5,000. On September first, when this report was prepared, the indebtedness had advanced considerably beyond the amount borrowed by the Board. This may be accounted for, not only because of the hard times, but also because of the fact that during the summer months many of the pastors are absent from their charges, and the missionary money is not punctually collected and forwarded.

The Board, however, earnestly requests of the Synods that efforts be put forth to gather the apportionments so that it may not be embarrased, and the work made to suffer because of the lack of funds.

The funds fell short, by a considerable amount, of what was voted by the Synods last year. This shortage necessitated the Board to limit its operations somewhat, so as to remain within the bounds of the amount actually furnished.

Notwithstanding these embarrassments, the Board gives thanks to the Head of the Church for the measure of success that has attended its operations. The Church can justly congratulate herself upon the comparatively rapid extension of her borders, during these stringent times, and for the splendid outlook for her future.

At no time, for years past, were the missions so universally supplied with pastors as at this present time. This indicates a readiness and willingness on the part of the ministry to enter

the mission fields. The young men of the ministry have been more ready to do missionary work than formerly. These are some of the encouraging signs of the work.

THE MISSIONS.

On April 1, 1896, there were *one hundred and one* missions on the roll of the Board, including three that became self-sustaining on that date. The three were Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Altoona and Chambersburg, Pa. At the meeting of the Executive Committee in July, three additional missions were enrolled, namely, the Bohemian mission in Chicago, the German-English mission in Canton, Ohio, and an additional Hungarian mission to embrace the cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton. It will be noticed that the Board now has on its roll just *one hundred and one* missions, the same as last year.

For the English missions, the Board last year asked, and the Synods voted, the sum of $40,000. The actual amount needed to meet the liabilities of the Board was about $38,000. Not more than $34,000 came to the Board from the apportionments, but including what the women of the Church gave for the home work and additional funds that were given by individuals, the sum of $38,000 was received.

There are, however, many calls coming to the Board which cannot be answered. Many good openings present themselves which, for the present, cannot be taken up. The Board endeavors to encourage the people to wait until such time in the near future, when it may be enabled to answer their call. The work could and should be greatly extended and the Church would do well to put forth her best efforts towards the expansion of her territory, when the leadings of Providence are so manifestly in that direction.

The General Synod, recognizing these numerous calls, made provision for the extension of the work by appropriating $45,000 for the English missions alone. This is $5,000 more than had ever been appopriated for these missions, and will enable the Board to do additional work, provided the money is promptly paid over.

The General Synod apportioned this sum upon the Synods as follows:

Eastern Synod	$25,400
Potomac Synod	9,400

Ohio Synod	5,500
Pittsburgh Synod	4,100
Interior Synod	600
Total	$45,000

It will be noticed that this apportionment is somewhat diferent from that made in former years by the Board, but as the per capita is nearly equal throughout the Synods, it is just and right. We would therefore call the attention of the Synods to this apportionment.

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN WORK.

The Hungarian work continues to prosper. The Hungarian pastors are an earnest and faithful set of missionaries. They continue to point out to the Board, openings for additional work among their brethren. There are now *six* of these missionaries, and a new field has been arranged for, as already stated, with Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton as centers. Rev. Alex. Kalassay, now of Mt. Carmel, takes charge of the new field. An additional missionary will be called from Hungary to take charge at Mt. Carmel, who can use the Slavic dialect readily, as many of the members at Mt. Carmel are Slavs. Upon the whole, our Hungarian work has prospered, and the outlook for the future is very hopeful.

As to the opening of the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, the Board had intended that this should take place about September first. Some of those at the head of this movement, however, urged upon Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the missionary, to commence the work at an earlier date. He, therefore, began his labors among his people on July 15th, and on August 2d preached his first sermon in Rev. Heineman's church. At the first service there were *thirty-nine* Bohemians present. The services since that time have been even more largely attended, and Brother Molnar, while he thinks the work will be most arduous, is very greatly encouraged so far, and is very hopeful for the future.

The General Synod designated the sum of $6,000 for the combined Hungarian and Bohemian work. The Synod furthermore apportioned this amount upon all the Synods.

The apportionment is as follows:

Eastern Synod	$2,590
Potomac Synod	1,840

Ohio Synod	550
Synod of the Northwest	550
Pittsburg Synod	450
Central Synod	550
German Synod of the East	370
Interior Synod	100
Total	$6,000

GERMAN WORK.

The General Synod, in its wisdom, determined that more work should be done among the Germans, especially among them as they are found in the large cities of the land. So far, the missions of the German Boards are largely found in the large cities. This is especially true of their western missions. A very large proportion of the German immigrants settle in the cities. This fact makes it necessary that much of the German mission work should be done in the cities. For this reason the General Synod ordered that the sum of $6,000 should be apportioned upon the Synods, over and above all other apportionments, for the purpose of city work among the Germans, and that this money shall be paid into the treasury of the General Board, as this additional work is to be carried forward by the General Board. This is not to interfere in any way with the work now being done by the Boards of the German Synods. Indeed, by the discussion on the floor of General Synod, we would infer that it is to be done largely by the advice of the German Boards, they to point out the suitable openings. Every one, be he English or German, must see the importance of this action. We are losing much, as a Church, by not caring for the immigrants who rightfully belong to our Church. The future should see much more work done among the Germans than the past has, and, if this is done, it will greatly increase the Church in our land. We should learn a lesson from sister denominations, who, while they have no special claims upon the Germans, are nevertheless putting forth strong efforts to organize missions among them. This action of General Synod should not become a dead letter among us, but the apportionment should be promptly paid by all the Synods, German as well as English, and the money transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Board, so that the work can be entered upon with that life and enthusiasm which it deserves. We, therefore, recommend the following appor-

tionment upon the Synods for this work in accordance with the action of General Synod:

Eastern Synod	$2,400
Potomac Synod	1,000
Ohio Synod	700
Synod of the Northwest	600
Pittsburgh Synod	500
Central Synod	400
German Synod of the East	300
Interior Synod	100
Total	$6,000

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Rev. Paul Sommerlatte still continues in charge of this important mission. He regularly, every quarter, renders a report to the General Board, from which we learn that the work is prospering, and that much assistance is rendered to immigrants that arrive at the harbor of New York. Not only does he direct them to their future homes in this Western land, but it frequently devolves upon him to protect these people from the land-sharks that infest that Port, and who otherwise would rob them of all their belongings. The Mission itself is a blessing to the immigrants and the Missionary seems to be the right man in the right place. The General Synod, at its late meeting, recommended that the sum of $3,000 be set apart for this work for the next three years. This is $1,000 per annum. This amount pays the salary of the missionary only, the Eastern German Synod raising additional money, for clerk hire, etc. The Board recommends the following apportionments for this cause for the next year:

Eastern Synod	$400
Potomac Synod	200
Ohio Synod	120
Synod of the Northwest	100
Pittsburgh Synod	90
Central Synod	70
German Synod of the East	60
Interior Synod	25
Total	$1,065

This gives a little surplus on the apportionment to make up any possible deficiency that may occur, in any Synod. It is a sad commentary upon our liberality when we state the fact that for the year ending March 31, 1896, not sufficient money was received from the whole Church to pay the salary of the

Missionary, and the Board was compelled to take other funds to make up the deficiency. We would suggest to the Synods the propriety of at once paying the sums apportioned upon them out of the contingent funds.

The trouble, we believe, has been, that as this apportionment is so small, it is often forgotten and perhaps lost among the other larger apportionments.

THE CHICAGO INTERESTS.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the Superintendent to call the special attention of the Synods to the English mission in Chicago. That mission is now engaged in the erection of its church building. Two years ago the Synods took action pledging a certain amount of support to the erection of this building, whenever its erection should be undertaken.

The church is now being built and will be finished, according to contract, about the latter part of November next. In order to do this, the Church must furnish the promised means.

The Board is very solicitous about this mission. It is our first effort to establish an English mission in that great city. On this account the Board wishes it to be a success especially.

Then, too, Chicago is somewhat of a central point between the East and West for our Church. The Church is much stronger both east and west of Chicago, than in the immediate vicinity of the city. Several good ,strong missions in that city would be a connecting link between the two sections of the Church.

But the main reason why the Church should be deeply interested in this mission lies in the fact that Chicago is important missionary ground and this first English effort, on our part, will be only the beginning of still more important missionary operations in that city in the future.

The Board therefore asks most earnestly of the Synods, that they take such action as in their wisdom they may deem best, in order that the mission may receive the money promised it, no later than December 1, 1896.

If this is done, its success is almost assured.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board, as in other years, had much to do along the line

of Church Extension. The new city missions, of which we have many, need to purchase lots, and also need church buildings. Usually the missions cannot procure these without help from the Church at large. Without these necessary things sucess is almost impossible.

The Board has been compelled to carrv forward the work, notwithstanding the lack of means. It was under the necessity of borrowing money, and at the present time it is burdened with a debt of $16,000 and over. It was a question of borrowing this money or abandoning some of the city missions. Precious time has been lost, and indeed, money uselessly squandered, simply from the fact that some of the city missions have not been properly equipped with the necessary means for their growth. The Church must help the city missions to procure lots and church buildings. Without these their growth is impossible. The Board, however, in every instance arranges for the refunding of the money just as soon as the missions are able to do so. *The Board, therefore, earnestly requests of the English Synods that they apportion an average of six cents per member for the cause of Church Extension for the ensuing year.*

THE SCHLATTER FUND.

The Board, at its annual meeting in Greensburg, Pa., in April last, in view of the great importance of the extension work, took action, asking of the General Synod the sum of $100,000 for the Church Extension work. This sum was not deemed any too large for the demands of the work. The work is growing at such a rapid rate that a sum so large is necessary.

The General Synod took favorable action on the request of the Board. The $100,000 were voted unanimously. Of course the Board is aware of the fact that this action on the part of the General Synod, does not give it the money, but it opens the way for such action on the part of the District Synods and Board, as to make the accumulation of the fund possible.

The Synod furthermore took action, recommending the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversarv of Michael Schlatter's missionarv tours in this country, during 1897. It recommends the accumulation of funds for the Church Extension work, and the funds so gathered shall be put into one fund to be known as the Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund.

In other words, the $100,000 fund is to be named the Michael Schlatter Fund.

The Board is exceedingly anxious that the $100,000 so named shall be gathered as rapidly as possible. The time for its accumulation is five years. The Board requests of the Synods that they take such action as in their wisdom may be deemed best for the accumulation of this fund. The help of the Synods and the Classes is solicited in behalf of this very important department of missionary work. Today there is nothing so much needed in our missionary operations as a strong Extension Fund.

With this short statement of the Board's work during the year, with the further statement of what it hopes to do in the future for the advancement of the Church, and invoking God's richest blessing upon all the operations of the Church, we submit this report. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

II.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The report of the General Board of Home Missions furnishes you with all needful details as to the missions within your bounds. Our report relates mainly to our own finances. As usual, we lay before you the Treasurer's report as a part of our own, calling your attention to several items.

1. Of the apportionment for missions assumed by the Eastern Synod $13,083.69 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly $4,000; and of the apportionment assumed by the Synod of the Potomac $5,538.09 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly $3,500.

2. Of the apportionment for Church-building, the Eastern Synod paid $1,644.28, and the Synod of the Potomac, $328.41. As so much of our church building outlay is within the bounds of the latter Synod, it is but right that we call the attention of that body to this small amount.

3. It is noteworthy of public statement that the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., has lately given

us another Church-building Fund, the fourth within ten years.

4. It is a great satisfaction to note that of the Church-building funds loaned, $2,000 were repaid within the year, namely, by Faith mission, Baltimore, Md.; by St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., and by Steelton, Pa. It is equally gratifying to state that we were able to use $3,100 of these moneys in the missions at Harrisburg, Pa.; Bridgeport, Conn.; South Norwalk, Conn.; Tioga mission, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Salisbury, N. C. All the church building money received on apportionment has been paid to the General Board, except $150 designated by the East Susquehanna Classis.

5. Two legacies came into the treasury during the year, both from the estate of Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, Pa., namely, a Church-building Fund in memory of his son, to be known as the Adam Calvin Fisher Fund, and $200, the interest of which is to be used for missions.

6. We desire yet to call the attention of the reverend Synods to the action of the General Synod, as given in the Minutes, p. 88, items 13th and 14th. Heretofore all Church-building Funds raised in the East, with three exceptions, have gone into the treasury of the Bi-synodic Board; but now, by the action of the General Synod, such funds, unless otherwise designated, shall hereafter go towards the proposed $100,000 Fund. We trust that by definite statement you will endorse this new departure.

We again record the goodness of God in prospering the work of our hands during the year past, and we pray that this manifest blessing may continue.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

III.—Report of the Treasurer.

John J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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I.—For Missions.

FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	$2,400.91
Tohickon Classis	856.00
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,481.69
East Pennsylvania Classis	750.00
Lebanon Classis	992.59
Schuylkill Classis	1,731.72

Lancaster Classis	993.63	
East Susquehanna Classis	861.85	
West Susquehanna Classis	967.67	
Lehigh Classis	903.37	
Wyoming Classis	524.69	
Reading Classis	619.34	$13,083.69
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.		
Maryland Classis	$1,870.60	
Mercersburg Classis	878.44	
Juniata Classis	1,370.81	
Carlisle Classis	534.90	
Zion's Classis	284.51	
Gettysburg Classis	275.00	
Virginia Classis	290.00	
North Carolina Classis	33.83	$5,538.09
FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.		
Wom. Miss. Society, Mercersburg, Pa	$25.00	
Rev. Geo. R. Zacharias	2.00	
Mrs. R. Laura Herr, Ridgely, Md	10.00	
A lady of Christ's Reformed Ch., Altoona, Pa	5.00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa	15.00	
Mrs. John A. Beard, Mifflinburg, Pa	5.00	
Mrs. D. W. Pellman, Mifflinburg, Pa	5.00	
M. B. Schmitt Woodstock, Va	50.00	
Mr. and Mrs. —— ——, Philadelphia, Pa	10.00	
Mrs. W. M. Irvine, Mercersburg, Pa	10.00	
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf	10.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Williamsport, Pa	5.00	
Ladies' Sewing Soc. Refd. Ch., Frederick, Md.	25.00	
Members of the Refd. Ch., Frederick, Md	60.00	
Emmanuels S. S., Hazleton, Pa	10.00	
Member of the Adamstown, Md., charge	1.00	
Mrs. Susan Wagner, Landisburg, Pa	10.00	
A friend	100.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Lower Saucon, Pa	10.00	
From Rev. —— ——	10.00	
Love Circle of Kings Daughters, Third Reformed church, Baltimore, Md	15.00	
Miss. Soc. Christ's Refd. church, Altoona, Pa	5.00	
Reformed S. S., Shepherdstown, West Va	5.00	
Friend, Middletown, Md	5.00	
Miss Belle Zimmerman	1.00	
Christ's Refd. Ch., Green St., Philadelphia, Pa	172.97	
Refd. S. S. Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa	54.40	
Adamstown, Md	10.00	
Easter offering, Tioga Mission, Phila., Pa	2.85	
Refd. S. S. at Reigelsville, Pa	139.91	
Refd. congregation, Reigelsville, Pa	171.51	
Interest Nevin Boyer Fund	5.00	
Students of Theological Sem'y, Lancaster, Pa	48.78	
First Dept. Refd. Salem S. S. Harrisburg, Pa.	6.51	
Mrs. Mary C. Fallon, York, Pa	5.00	
Miss. Soc. Christ's Refd. Ch., Lower Saucon, Pa	10.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	1,524.95	$2,560.88
		$21,182.66

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board for Missions		$21,182.66

II.—Designated Moneys.

East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.	$519.97	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Turbottsville, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Paradise, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
W. Susquehanna Classis for Rev. H. H. Spohn	100.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	65.00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. D. C. Yost	100.00	
" " " " Y. J. Bower	150.00	
" " " " W. J. Muir	200.00	
" " " " H. Y. Stoner	291.46	
" " " " W. H. Herbert	97.00	
Lehigh " " " M. J. Roth	62.50	
" " " " M. H. Deifenderfer	175.00	
Wom. Miss., Eastern Synod, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25.00	
Wom. Miss., Eastern Synod, for Calvary Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25.00	
Wom. Miss., Eastern Synod, for Christ's Mission, Norristown, Pa.	15.00	
Wom. Miss., Eastern Synod, for Rev. H. Tesnow, Denver, Col.	25.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Hulshouser	100.00	
" " " " " J. M. Lyerly,	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. W. H. M. McNairy	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. J. L. Murphy	25.00	
" " " " " M. L. Hedrick	25.00	$2,110.93
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago Missions	5.00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago Missions	299.70	
Reformed congregation, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Missions	10.00	
J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Missions	10.00	
Gettysburg Classis for Chicago Missions	154.00	
Maryland " " " "	98.40	
Mercersburg " " " "	12.00	
Zion's " " " "	31.90	$621.00
		$2,731.93

FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	$219.04	
Jonas Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis	30.12	
Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer Virginia Classis	35.00	
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer Mercersburg Classis	49.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	787.37	$1,120.53

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	$229.00	
John J. Nissley. Treasurer Eastern Synod....	271.38	$500.38
		$4,352.84

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Paid as designated.....	$2,110.93	
Paid as designated for Chicago Mission.....	621.00	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	1,120.53	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	500.38	$4,352.84

III.—Church Building.

1895.

Sept. 18. To balance in treasury.....		$3,524.64

FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Tohickon Classis	$285.28	
Lebanon Classis	82.77	
Schuylkill Classis	482.00	
Lancaster Classis	170.42	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	150.00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	268.81	
Lehigh Classis	108.00	
Reading Classis	97.00	$1,644.28

FROM SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Carlisle Classis	$105.81	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	217.60	
A friend at Huntingdon, Pa.....	5.00	$328.41

FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Wom. Miss. Society, Wyoming Classis.....	$30.00	
Wom. Miss. Society, Lebanon Classis.....	60.00	
Catechumen Fund	20.00	
West Susquehanna Classis	5.00	
Elder F. G. Hobson.....	100.00	
Emmanuel's, Hanover, Pa., Fund, No. 4.....	500.00	
Adam Calvin Fisher Fund.....	500.00	$1,215.00

FROM LOANS REPAID.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., on second mortgage	$150.00	
Revs. C. Clever and C. W. Levan, Baltimore, Md	1,500.00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel.....	700.00	
First Reformed church, Steelton, Pa., on account mortgage	350.00	
Hungarian Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	$2,850.00
		$9,562.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid loan to Forth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa	$1,000.00	
Paid loan to Hungarian Reformed church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	600.00	
Paid loan to Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	500.00	

Paid donation to Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn	250.00	
Paid loan to Forth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	400.00	
Paid J. C. Crowe on contract, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	
Paid lot at Salisbury, N. C	500.00	
Paid loan Tioga Refd. Ch., Philadelphia, Pa..	1,000.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, transfer of the McCauley Church Building Fund	500.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension..	1,822.69	
Tower City, Pa., designated by East Susquehanna Classis	150.00	
1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury	2,698.64	$9,562.33

IV.—Interest Account.

1895.		
Sept. 18. Balance in the treasury	91.62	
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell	138.00	
" Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md	9.00	
" Trinity, Altoona, Pa	38.00	
" Grace Reformed church, Abilene, Kas..	33.00	
" Mrs. Leah Sidel	55.00	
" St. Paul's Reformed Ch., Roanoke, Va..	90.00	
" dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	56.25	
From Heidedburg Refd. Ch., Thomasville, N. C	10.00	
" First church, Royersford, Pa	20.00	
" interest Wagner legacy	100.00	
" Calvary Reformed church, Scranton, Pa.	60.00	
" Brown Memorial church, Wichita, Kas.	45.00	
" General Board of Home Missions	80.00	$825.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid traveling expenses of the Board, insurance, taxes, postage, &c	$137.20	
Paid collateral inheritance tax on Fisher legacies	35.00	
Paid salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150.00	
Paid Rev. Jesse H. String, street improvements, Philadelphia, Pa	250.00	
1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury	253.67	$825.87

V.—Legacy Account.

From estate of J. B. Fisher, Penn Hall, Pa	$200.00
1896.	
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury	$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

JNO J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., September 25th, 1896.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
C. S. GERHARD.

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1896.

IV.—Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Mission.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which, however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians, called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernable among the middle and upper classes, and the preached Gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside. So that the churches purging their rolls, find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case, however, is that the present membership is made up of tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin has, to a slight degree, felt the effects of the competition of the Government schools which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls'

School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

In consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our missionary force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme northern part. Rev. H. K. Miller will go to Yamagata, in the western section, while Revs. Hoy, Schneder and Noss will remain in Sendai.

The statistical report for 1895-96 exhibits the following: organized churches, 6; self-supporting churches, 5; preaching stations, 50; baptisms, 197; members, 1,935; Sunday Schools, 39; Sunday School scholars, 1,618; native ministers, 12; unordained preachers, 27; contributions for all purposes, $2,470.75.

The establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan, as directed by General Synod, at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and facts gathered. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the Church.

The finances of the Board have, during the past year, been in a healthy condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last few months, however, there has been a falling off, for the arrest of which the Board most respectfully requests the prompt action of your reverend body. The amount apportioned by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new mission did not require an enlargement of the sum, was the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, includes what was paid for the Girls' School by the Woman's Society, so that the sum needed for the coming year will include an additional amount sufficient to establish the new mission, namely, the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is $35,000 per year, for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid into the treasury, if the Board would be enabled to establish the new mission.

The Board would, therefore, urgently request your reverend

body to assume the full amount assigned you by General Synod, apportion it to the several Classes, and adopt such action as will ensure its realization.

By order of the Board,

S. N CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1896.

V.—Report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions presented its report on Saturday during the afternoon session,and was acted on item by item. The several items in regard to apportionment were referred to Committee on Finance, and the report was finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

The Standing Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject the following documents were placed in the hands of your committee:

1. Annual report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.
2. Report of Bi-synodic Board.
3. The Church Extension Manual ofGeneral Synod's Board.
4. The action of General Synod's Board on the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

All the action of General Synod on the subject of Missions was also referred to your committee.

From these sources we learn that the Board has 101 missions enrolled, the same number as a year ago. The Board also reports that there has never been more faithful work done on the part of the missionaries; that the work has made substantial progress and the missions are generally supplied with pastors. During the year $2,000 Church-building Funds loaned to missions were repaid to the Board, and two legacies were received from Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, Pa., the one, a Church-building Fund of $500 in memory of his son, and $200, the interest of which is to be used for missions. The Synod paid $13,083.69 on the year's apportionment of $17,000 for missions and $1,644.28 on Church-building. The Board reports that its unpaid obligations at the present time amount to about $11,000.

The work outlined by General Synod for this Synod during the coming year is as follows:

For general Home Mission work.....	$25.400
Hunngarian and Bohemian work.....	2,590
German work in cities.....	2,400
Harbor Missions	400

The special $100,000 Michael Schlatter Memorial Church Extension Fund, which is to be raised during the next five years.

General Synod's Board also requests that Synod's pledge of $2,000 to the Chicago mission, made two years ago, be paid this year, and that the Synod apportion 6 cents a member for Church-building.

In view of the foregoing,

1. *Resolved*, That the Eastern Synod rejoices in the high degree of prosperity which has attended the Home Mission work of the Church in its present unified form under General Synod's Board.

2. *Resolved*, That in order to meet the present pressing needs of the Home Mission Board and to prevent similar crises in the future, the Classes and congregations of Synod be urged not only to pay the apportionments of the year in full, but also to arrange to make quarterly remittances to the Treasurer of the Board on account of their apportionments.

3. *Resolved*, That four cents a member be apportioned upon the Classes for Church-building.

4. *Resolved*, That to redeem the pledge made by Synod two years ago, a special offering of at lesat two cents a member be requested from the congregations, through the pastors, to assist the Chicago mission in completing its church building, and that the congregations of Synod be urged, through the officers of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, to raise this amount within sixty days after the adjournment of Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod concurs most heartily in the movement inaugurated by General Synod to celebrate the sesqui-centennial of the organization of the Reformed Church in this country by special services in all the congregations of the Church during the year 1897, and by raising a fund of $100,000 for Church Extension, to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund, and the concentration of all Church-building

Funds hereafter raised in this Synod in this $100,000 Fund is hereby approved.

6. *Resolved*, That the Classes and congregations of this Synod be urged to co-operate with the officers of General Synod's Board in carrying out the plan of the Board to raise this Fund and that our churches be enjoined to hold during the year 1897 the services contemplated by that plan.

The plan is as follows:

1. That the three Superintendents, each in his own territory, make such arrangements and devise such plans as may seem best, in order to reach all the pastors and the charges and present to them the claims of this much-needed Fund.

1. That the Superintendents be especially directed to seek out persons who are able and have them endow funds of $500, or more, or, where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such funds.

3. That, as the need of these funds is very urgent, the Superintendents be directed to push the accumulation of them with all possible vigor.

The Board further recommends the following program for the sesqui-centennial celebration of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable, during 1897,—this program to be used in congregational and Classical conventions:

I. Address of welcome.

II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.

III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.

IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.

V. Local History.

VI. Pastoral reminiscences.

VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.

VIII. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund, with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is the only document on this subject placed in the hands of your committee. In this, a statement is given of the condition and prospects of our work in the Empire of Japan.

We rejoice to learn from this report that the aspect of affairs resulting from the late war of Japan with China is favorable for the prosecution of our work; that there is now prevalent a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Chrisianity; that the activity in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians has produced a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, and has lessened the prejudice heretofore existing against our holy religion; that our schools are in a prosperous condition; that in consequence of the widening of our field, our missionary force, in the near future, will be distributed among the four stations of Tokyo, Hokaido, Yamagata and Sandai; that the establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan is receiving the attention of the Board, and that the finances of the Board have been in a healthy condition.

In view of what we have learned, your committee would recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for the abundant blessing which has attended the efforts of our Church in the Empire of Japan.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the hearty and liberal support given during the last year to this important work.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge all our pastors and consistories to endeavor to cultivate in their respective congregations a true missionary spirit, and to raise, if possible, the full amount of their apportionment for this most important work.

4. *Resolved*, That we approve the suggestion to begin missionary work in China or some other country not yet occupied by our Church, whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the contributions for Foreign Missions will warrant such undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, and the item in the report of Trustees of Synod in regard to a vacancy in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report of the Board of Trustees of Synod is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Board of Trustees begs leave to offer the following annual report:

The Board held its annual meeting in St. Paul's Memorial Reformed church, Reading, Pa., on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 1896, at 2 P. M.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which, after carefully auditing, was found correct. There remains in his hands a balance for Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod, $1,130.14; Contingent Fund, General Synod, $700; Seminary and Gerhart legacy fund, $11, a total of $1,148.14.

The Board regrets to report that two of the Classes are in arrear on apportionment for Contingent Fund (General Synod) and one for two years on apportionment for Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod, but also puts on record the cheering fact that a larger proportion of the apportionments have been paid by the several Classes during the year just closed, than in former years.

The Board at present consists of the following named persons: Elder Jno. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., whose term expires Jan. 1st, 1897; Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, Pa., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1898; Elder D. N. Schaeffer, esq., Reading, Pa., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1899; Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1900; Elder Louis Kramer, Reading, Pa., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1901.

The term of Elder Jno. J. Nissley expiring Jan. 1, 1897, we recommend as suitable candidates for nomination, Elders Daniel Schaffner, Hummelstown, Pa., and Horatio Jones, Reading, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN O. STEM,
President of the Board.

EASTON, PA., October 6th, 1896.

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Contingent Fund General Synod.

DR.

1896.		
April 28. From Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis	$49.94	
From Geo. Hill, Treasurer, East Susquehanna Classis	7.00	$56.94

CR.

Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod	49.94	
Oct Balance in Treasury	7.00	$56.94

Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.

DR.

1895.		
Oct. 10. To balance in Treasury		$1,134.88
From Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer East Penna. Classis	$53.00	
From J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis	69.00	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	37.00	
From George Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	36.84	
From Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	35.00	
From D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	40.00	
From I. G. Gerhard, Treas. Tohickon Classis	40.00	
" Rev. M. H. Deifenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis	70.00	
From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	31.00	
From Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis	35.00	
From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Reading Classis	32.00	$478.84
		$1,613.72

CR.

Paid traveling expenses, D. N. Schaeffer	$1.11	
Paid traveling expenses Rev. T. O. Stem	3.25	
Paid traveling expenses, J. J. Nissley	.67	
Paid expenses Rev. J. B. Kiefer, D.D., special Committee Calvin College	35.00	
Paid Rev. C. B. Schneder, Shamokin, use of church annual meeting	20.00	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as stated	150.00	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, expediting minutes of Synod, postage, &c	31.95	
Paid expenses Rev. T. O. Stem	1.75	
Paid expenses Rev. J. J. Nissley	1.78	
Paid Reformed Church Publishing House, printing Minutes of Synod	236.32	
Paid W. R. Hendricks, stationery	1.75	
1896.		
Oct. 3. Balance in Treasury	1,130.14	$1,613.72

Seminary and Gerhart Funds.

DR.

From St. John's Reformed church, Lebanon, 12 months' interest Cooke legacy.....	$60.00	
From A. & L. Mountz, 6 months' interest on $4,500, Keifer legacy.....	112.50	
From J. J. Bishop, 6 months' interest on $5,000, Keifer legacy	125.00	
From Henry Alleman, 7 months and 10 days' interest on Gerhart legacy.....	11.00	$308.50

CR.

1896.		
Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, interest on Keifer and Cooke legacies.....	$297.50	
Oct. 3. Balance in Treasury.....	11.00	$308.50

Hungarian Missions.

DR.

From Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Pennsylvania Classis.....	$73.00	
From J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis..	92.02	
" Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas. Phila., Classis	28.25	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	51.45	
From Rev. Geo. Hill, Treas. E. Susquehanna Classis	56.65	
From Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis	62.00	
From D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	77.00	
From Rev. M. H. Deifenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis	65.00	
From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	117.90	
From Rev. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis..	64.00	
" Rev. Jno W. Steinmetz, Treas. Reading Classis	49.00	$736.27

CR.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Home Missions	$651.37	
" " " " " "	84.90	$736.27

Harbor Mission.

DR.

From Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penna. Classis	$29.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis..	25.73	
" Rev. J. B. Henry, Tr. Phila. Classis....	11.60	
" Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis	16.55	
From Geo. Hill, Tr. E. Susquehanna Classis..	10.75	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis..	18.00	
" I. G. Gerhard, Tr. Tohickon Classis....	29.75	
" Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	38.00	
From Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis	18.00	
" Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Reading Classis	8.00	$205.38

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Missions	$185.38	
" " " " " "	20.00	$205.38

Teacher of Elocution.

DR.

From Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penna. Classis	$10.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis..	28.00	
" Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis..	4.35	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis	12.00	
" D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis	6.75	
From Rev. M. H. Deifenderfer, Treasurer Lehigh Classis	9.00	
From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	34.00	$104.10

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Teological Seminary.....	$104.10

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

DR.

From Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penn. Classis	$120.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis..	45.79	
" Geo. Hill, Treasurer East Susq. Classis	25.25	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis	93.00	
" D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis	41.00	
From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis	48.00	
From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Reading Classis	36.00	$409.04

CR.

Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary....	$409.04

Calvin College.

DR.

From Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. E. Penna. Classis	$90.00	
" J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis..	39.08	
" Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis..	18.00	
" Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treasurer Schuylkill classis	38.00	
From Jno. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Reading Classis	14.00	$199.08

CR.

Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D.....	$199.08

For Home Missions.

DR.

From Philadelphia Classis	$2,400.91
" Tohickon Classis	891.23
" Goshenhoppen Classis	1,558.87
" East Pennsylvania Classis.....	650.00
" Lebanon Classis	992.59
" Schuylkill Classis	1,177.17
" Lancaster Classes	993.63
" East Susquehanna Classis..... ...	761.41

" West Susquehanna Classis.....	926.38	
" Lehigh Classis	963.37	
" Wyoming Classis	524.09	
" Reading Classis	897.23	$12,737.48

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Missions	$11,756.24	
" " " " " "	981.24	$12,737.48

Church Building.

DR.

From Tohickon Classes	$285.28	
" Lebanon Classis	82.77	
" Lehigh Classis	108.00	
" Schuylkill Classis	584.00	
" Lancaster Classis	170.42	
" East Susquehanna Classis.....	150.00	
" West Susquehanna Classis.....	268.81	
" Reading Classis	181.00	$1,830.28

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions.....	$1,644.28	
" " " " "	186.00	$1,830.28

For Theological Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa.

DR.

From Prof. J. C. Bowman, chairman of the Building Committee		$1,812.51

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer.....		$1,812.51
Amount previously collected.....	$84,511.35	
Amount collected during the current year....	1,812.51	
Total	$86,323.86	

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., October 5th, 1896.

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the same correct. We also find that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is as follows, viz:

Contingent Fund, General Synod....	$7.00	
Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod....	1,130.40	
Seminary and Gerhart Fund.....	11.00	$1,148.40

LOUIS KRAEMER,
D. NICHOLAS SCHAEFFER,
Auditors.

READING, October 6th, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session on Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Finance would report that the following documents were submitted for consideration:

The report of the Treasurer, which has been audited and found correct, and also the following items for apportionment among the several Classis:

General Synod Contingent Fund	$1,800
Eastern Synod Contingent Fund	600
Home Missions	25,100
Foreign Missions	15,000
Calvin College	300
Current expenses of Theological Seminary	600
Interest on notes for money loaned for Professors' houses	185
Harbor Missions	435
Hungarian Missions	2,590
Mission work among Germans	2,590
Church Building	3,088

It is with sincere regret that we note the long list of arrearages among the Classes, and we would most earnestly urge them to pay the same at an early day, so that the benevolent operations of the Church may not be impeded in their progress.

ARREARAGES ON APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Contingent General Synod.	Contingent Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Teacher of Elocution.	Seminary Expenses.	Church Building.	Calvin College.	
East Penna...			1005 00	29 00	20 00			488 00		
Lebanon			1194 41	42 98	10 00	3 00	30 21	564 23		
Phila	90 06	76 00		42 75	20 00	7 00	40 00	336 00	20 00	$1246 91
Lancaster			125 37	17 55	19 00	6 00	38 00	158 58	19 00	
East Susq....	3 65		328 59	10 35	14 65	1 65	12 75	170 00	19 00	
West Susq....			85 62		6 00			28 19		
Gorhenhop'n.				6 00	19 25	2 25	11 00	438 00	26 00	74 87
Tohickon			618 77	93 00	26 00	9 00	52 00	160 72	26 00	
Lehigh			1386 63	80 00	33 00	5 00	84 00	587 00	42 00	
Schuylkill ...		7 00	415 60		10 00		4 00			
Wyoming		33 20	515 31		18 00	6 00	36 00	305 00	18 00	
	$93 71	$116 20	$5675 30	$321 63	$195 90	$39 90	$307 96	$3235 72	$170 00	$1321 78

NOTE.—The amounts paid by the Classis of Reading is credited on apportionment of Schuylkill Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY,

Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., October 5th, 1896.

READING, PA., October 6, 1896.

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the President of

the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the same correct. We also find that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is as follows, viz:

Contingent Fund, General Synod.....	$7.00	
Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod.....	1,130.40	
Seminary and Gerhart Fund.....	11.00	$1,148.40

LOUIS KRAEMER,
D. NICHOLAS SCHAEFFER,
Auditors.

We would also recommend the following apportionment upon the various Classes for the ensuing Synodical year, viz:

	Contingent Fund of General Synod.	Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Current Expenses Theological Seminary.	Church Building Fund.	Calvin College.	Interest for Professors' Houses.	German Mission Work.
East Pennsylvania.....	$180	$60	$2383	$1454	$251	$42	$60	$332	$30	$16	$251
Lebanon	228	76	3336	1929	336	50	76	368	38	37	326
Philadelphia	120	40	1634	1007	174	32	45	217	20	13	174
Lancaster	114	38	1623	970	169	31	44	200	19	12	169
East Susquehanna.....	114	38	1593	950	164	31	42	194	19	12	164
West Susquehanna.....	108	36	1533	880	155	30	42	183	18	13	155
Goshenhoppen	156	52	2134	1302	203	38	47	259	26	16	203
Tohickon	156	52	2163	1326	228	38	47	256	26	16	223
Lehigh	252	84	3483	2071	360	53	77	430	42	20	360
Schuylkill	88	29	1221	734	130	20	35	150	15	6	130
Wyoming	108	36	1548	905	160	30	42	200	18	14	160
Reading	176	59	2449	1466	260	40	53	300	29	13	260
	$1800	$600	$25100	$15000	$2590	$435	$600	$3089	$300	$185	$2590

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SCHAEFFER, THOS. H. KRICK,
S. P. BROWN, F. G. HOBSON.

Subjects of Reference.

In the consideration of the report of the Minutes of Classes, under the head of "Subjects referred," the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 7th items were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. L. K. Evans, L. C. Sheip and Elder Christian Myers, who subsequently presented its report, which was duly considered and acted on item by item, and the report was finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your special committee to whom were referred several items under the head of "Subjects Referred," in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, having reference to several

Classes failing to accept or meet apportionments made by Synod, would respectfully report:

1. The delinquents indicated:

(*a*) East Pennsylvania Classis declines to accept its apportionment for Foreign Missions and Church-building, and declines to assume any apportionment that may hereafter be made for Seminary aid. (See Min., p. 46).

(*b*) Goshenhoppen Classis declines to assume the apportionment for Church-building, and for Calvin College; said Classis also declares itself unable to pay its arrearages on apportionment. (See Min., p. 17).

(*c*) Wyoming Classis declines to accept its apportionment for Church-building (Min., p. 46) and accepts only $682 of its apportionment for Home Missions and only $500 of its apportionment for Foreign Missions. (Min., p. 47).

(*d*) Lebanon Classis does not see its way clear honestly to accept the amounts sent down for apportionment, but in lieu thereof its Committee on Foreign Missions is directed to apportion an amount not exceeding $3.600. (Min., p. 41).

(*e*) East Susquehanna Classis accepts only $800 of its apportionment for Home Missions and $800 of its apportionment for Foreign Missions, and $200 for Church-building Fund.

Your committee would suggest to Synod the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby expresses its deep regret that the above named Classes failed, some in accepting and others in meeting the apportionments made by Synod, and hereby respectfully and most earnestly requests the several Classes to accept, and raise the amounts apportioned by the present Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby earnestly presses upon the attention of all the Classes within its bounds, the great importance and urgency of the Master's work and the necessity of their hearty co-operation with the several Boards of the Church by their prompt acceptance of the apportionments made by Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod reiterates its action taken at Harrisburg, in 1894, (See Min., p. 41) that apportionments for

the use of the several Boards be regarded as morally binding. and when not paid they be reported as arrearages.

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. EVANS, *Chairman.*

In the obserance and proper celebration of the Sesqui-centennial, Rev. G. A. Schwedes, pastor loci, and Chairman of the Sesqui-centennial Committee, secured the services of Revs. Dr. C. Clever, Dr. J. H. Prugh, and Dr. R. L. Gerhart to deliver addresses with fraternal greetings. In the reception of the report of the Committee the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the traveling expenses of Drs. J. H. Prugh, C. Clever, and R. L. Gerhart.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay Rev. Geo. A. Schwedes $25.00, for the use of the Church for holding the sessions of Synod.

The traveling expenses are as follows: Rev. Dr. C. Clever. $5; Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., $17.25; Dr. R. L. Gerhart, $6.50. One-half the cost of Sesqui-centennial programs, $5.00, to be paid to Rev. G. A. Schwedes. Orders granted to Dr. E. V. Gerhart, for printing tickets and expenses incurred in defending Synod's action on the appeal of the consistory of St. Stephen's church, Pottstown, $3.80. To Rev. Jno. H. Sechler. D.D., for expenses of special committee on "Improved Method of Conducting Business of Synod," $8.29.

Elder Daniel Schaffner was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod on Friday's session, and on Monday evening session he was elected Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to the items in its report under the head of irregularities, was affirmed.

The 6th item in the report on Minutes of Classes, under the head of Subjects Referred, was submitted to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Hartman, S. L. Whitmore and

Elder P. L. Nyce, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred item 6, under subdivision III. of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, concerning an irregularity of Schuylkill Classis, as passed upon by the Synod at Shamokin and which censure they refuse to accept, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the item be adopted and the Stated Clerk be directed to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The complaint of Rev. L. M. Kershner against East Pennsylvania Classis, noted in the report on Minutes of Classes, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, Z. A. Yearick, and Elder Geo. M. Young, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom the complaint of the Rev. L. M. Kershner against the East Pennsylvania Classis was referred, respectfully report, that on examining the Minutes of East Pennsylvania Classis, we find that the complainant gave notice of his complaint immediately after the action of the Classis, but from information given us by the President of the Classis, we learn that he failed to lodge his reasons for the complaint with the President in the constitutional time of ten days.

The complaint is therefore not in order.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday School Board of the Eastern Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN:—No documents have come into the hands of your Sunday School Board during the Synodical year execepting the statistical report of Wyoming Classis. As there is more or less uncertainty as to the course which such

reports ought to take, and consequently more or less difficulty in collecting statistics, your Board would suggest that hereafter all such reports be sent to the General Secretary, so that the means may be at hand for the examination and tabulation of all the reports before the meeting of Synod.

The general condition of Sunday School work will no doubt receive consideration at the hands of your Standing Committee on Sunday Schools. It may suffice, therefore, to say in this connection, that the organiation of the work in this Synod, as originally committed to the care of your Board, has been attended to, and that all the Classes now have their permanent Committees on Sunday Schools.

Inasmuch as the time of this Synod is so fully taken up with the different features of the Sesqui-centennial celebration, it was found inexpedient to devote an entire evening to the discussion of topics connected with Sunday School work. Arrangements have been made, however, for an address on the subject by the General Secretary, Rev. R. W. Miller, on Saturday evening.

Your Board would respectfully call attention to the fact that the term of service of F. G. Hobson as a member of the Board, expires this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Chairman.*

Report of General Synod's Sunday School Board.

To the several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention to the general Sunday School work will be called through the action of the General Synod on the subject.

It is with gratitude to God that we record the fact since the meeting of the General Synod it has been possible to carry out its directions with respect to the consolidation and unification of Sunday School publications.

The Board of Publication of the three English Eastern Synods and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, loyal to the expressed wish of the Church, transferred their respective interests in the Sunday School publications to General Synod's Sunday School Board. In each instance the action was taken

with the utmost good will and unanimity. We believe every section of the Church will approve of this advance step.

The Board, at a meeting held Sept. 24, 1896, at Greensburg, Pa., carefully considered the duties of its enlarged field of operations.

Rev. C. R. Ferner was appointed business manager, with the Eastern office at 1025 Arch street, Philadelphia, and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, were appointed the Western agents. The General Secertary continues to reside at Reading, Pa., and a plan for closer co-operation with the German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, is in progress.

The Board decided to consolidate the several Sunday School papers, and January 1, 1897, will issue for the main Department of the Sunday School *Leaves of Light*, as a weekly, with a semi-monthly and monthly edition.

Sunshine will be issued weekly for the Primary Department. There will be added at the same time for the little children, a series of beautifully colored and finely executed picture cards, to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures," and for the entire school, Heidelberg Picture Roll.

The Board, appreciating the importance and value of aiding the teachers of the children and youth and of stimulating interest in Bible study and Sunday School work, proposes to issue *The Heidelberg Teacher* as a monthly instead of a quarterly, thus giving fully one-third additional matter without increasing the cost of the subscription price. But to do this, *The Teacher* must have a circulation of 10,000 copies. The present circulation is 6,100.

The Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday School Mission work, and the extension of Reformed schools. The Department of Publication will bear all expenses of administration, and will aid in the way of grants of literature. The field of Sunday School Missions is enlarging and calls to engage in the work, are coming from every part of the Church.

In view of these facts, the Board earnestly recommends the following for your consideration, and trusts that through the several Classes, pastors and consistories, and Sunday Schools will have their attention called to the same:

1. Let every Reformed Sunday School be requested to use

the Sunday School lesson helps and Sunday School papers prepared and published for the Church. Denominational loyalty, the creation and improvement of a Reformed Church literature, and the extension of the Church alike require it.

2. Let our churches and schools be urged to pay special attention to the teaching and training of the little children in the Church school, in connection with the work in the home and catechetical class. And to that end let the best aids and most approved appliances be used in the Primary Department.

3. Let it be understood that the work of Sunday School Missions depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day. The sanction of the General Synod, the growing needs of our Home Mission work, the economy and usefulness of Sunday School Missions as a factor in Church extension, are few of the many cogent reasons in favor of larger offerings from every school of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Gen. Secretary.*

READING, PA., Oct. 1, 1896.

Report of the Standing Committees of Sunday Schools

The Report of the Standing Committee of Sunday Schools, together with the report of Sunday School Board, was read and adopted.

To the Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully submit the following report:

There were referred to us the communication of the Sunday School Board of General Synod, the report of the Sunday School Board of this Synod, and several items from the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

From these sources we have learned that the Sunday Schools of the Reformed Church are receiving the consideration due to this very important part of the organized work of the Church. Agreeable tothe action of General Synod, the Board of Publication of the three English Synods of the East, and the Reformed Publishing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, have transferred their respective interests in Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of General Synod. It

is now the purpose of the General Board to consolidate the Sunday School papers. After January 1, 1897, "Leaves of Light" will be issued weekly, with semi-monthly and monthly editions. For the Primary department "Sunshine" will be issued weekly, and a series of illustrated lesson cards and lesson rolls will be provided for the little ones. If a ciruclation of 10,000 copies can be secured for "The Heidelberg Teacher," the Board intends to enlarge it by adding one-third more matter, and to issue the same monthly, and at the present rates.

The business manager for the Eastern office is Rev. C. B. Ferner, 1025 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, are the Western agents.

The Board promises to sacredly apply all Children's Day offerings to Sunday School missions, to meet the many calls coming from a rapidly widening field.

The report of Synod's Board informs us that the organization of the work in this Synod originally committed to the care of this Board has been so far completed as to secure the appointment of a permanent Sunday School Committee in each of the Classes. This Board, owing to its inability to secure the Sunday School statistics from all the Classes in time for tabulation, recommends that these statistics be forwarded to the office of the General Secretary hereafter.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee offers the following resolutions for adoption:

1. Synod hereby approves of the consolidation and unification of the Sunday School publications under General Synod's Board.

2. Synod hereby expresses her appreciation of the labors of the editors of our lesson helps and Sunday School papers, for maintaining the high standard of excellence of these publications and of the untiring zeal of the General Secretary.

3. Synod heartily sanctions the purpose of the General Board to enlarge the "Heidelberg Teacher," and to publish the same monthly, at the present rates.

4. Synod requests the several Classes to urge pastors, consistories, and superintendents to use the lesson helps and Sunday School papers published by the General Board, and, as far as possible, to use for Children's Day and Church festival seasons, the Board's publications for these occasions.

5. In order to provide for the growing needs of Sunday School missions, Synod, through the Classes, recommends that a collection be taken by every Sunday School, on Children's Day, for the use of the General Board.

6. Synod requests the Classes to instruct their Stated Clerks or Chairmen of Permanent Committees on Sunday Schools, to forward copies of Sunday School statistics to the office of the General Seceretary for tabulation for the Eastern Synod's Board at least thirty days before the annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

Elder F. G. Hobson was elected a member of the Sunday School Board, for a term of five years.

The Sunday School Board of the Eastern Synod as now constituted, consist of the following persons, to wit:

Elder C. C. Leader, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1897; Elder Jacob H. Stein, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1898; Rev. Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1899; Rev. Geo. A. Schwedes, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1900; and Elder F. G. Hobson, whose term expires 1901.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 6, of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had 3,000 copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound, in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case.

The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House, of Philadelphia, at the cost of $236.31. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod. Notwithstanding the fact that the minutes in manuscript were placed at an early day in the hands of the publisher, they failed to be ready in their printed form for distribution before January.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1896.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN:—The changes which have occurred during the past year in connection with your publication interests are more or less familiar to you all, and whilst they present issues of a new and complicated nature, demanding careful and intelligent action, they nevertheless resulted finally in what is believed to be a satisfactory solution, through the purchase and possession by your Board of all the rights and interests previously owned or ceded by contract to the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.

On February 25th, 1896, the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., lessee and publisher, died. At his death the business was in such condition that no one in his employ could intelligently and successfully conduct it. With this knowledge, the Board met in extra session on March 19th, 1896, to consider the situation and adopt measures, if necessary, for the uninterrupted issue of the various periodicals. It was found that the widow of the lessee had temporarily provided for the situation by securing the services of Rev. C. J. Musser, of Norristown, who had, at a great personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice, consented to assist her in the capacity of editor and publisher, pending the final action of the Board of Publication. At this meeting the widow stated that the estate of the late Dr. Fisher was without funds or immediate resources to prosecute the work, and she therefore asked the Board to advance the sum of $2,500, in such installments as might be needed, giving therefor her notes with interest, and as additional security, the income which would be received by the publishing house. She also asked for three months' time in which to re-organize or dispose of her husband's interest in the concern. After carefully investigating the condition of the estate and other factors bearing upon the situation, and desiring also to assist the widow in her distress, the Board unanimously assented to the proposition, under a written contract for three months, providing therein that any arrangement entered into by her for sale or transfer should be subject to the approval of the Board. By virtue of this agreement, funds were advanced and subsequently repaid with interest, as will appear in the report of the Treasurer.

On June 19th, 1896, the Board, at the request of Mrs. Fisher, was again called in extra session, at which the statement was made that it had been found impossible to make any satisfactory disposition of the business; and that for the purpose of facilitating the settling of the estate, Mrs. Fisher had, by order of the Orphans' Court, obtained permission to sell and bid in the interests, rights and merchandise in and of the Publication House. By virtue of this order, she had become the owner of all of said interests and now petitioned your Board to execute to her a new lease for a term of years, and to recognize her, together with such parties she might select to associate with her, as the lessee and publisher, under terms similar to those previously made with the late Dr. Fisher. This proposition was unanimously declined. Subsequently your Board opened negotiations with Mrs. Fisher for the purchase of all the rights and interests acquired by her through purchase; and, finally bought these for the sum of $2,500, inclusive of the Almanac, which was the exclusive property of the late Dr. Fisher. By this purchase, namely, $500 for the books, sheets and other merchandise; $1,000 for the Almanac; $800 for the unexpired lease, and $200 for furniture and fixtures, the Board became the absolute owner of the entire publication interests, and will henceforth issue all publications, except the Sunday School literature, for its own account.

Soon after the purchase, the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board, whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to that Board, under the following agreement: We, the undersigned, in behalf of the Sunday School Board, hereby agree to pay five per cent. annually on $15,000, in semi-annual payments, on condition that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church transfers all its Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, according to the action of the General Synod; and further, the Sunday School Board agrees to pay one-half of the expenses for room rent, business manager and such other expenses as are jointly incurred.

(Signed) CONRAD CLEVER,
RUFUS W. MILLER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19th, 1896.

To provide for the conduct of its business, the Board temporarily rented the back building of No. 907 Arch street, at the monthly rental of $95, and elected Rev. C. J. Musser as temporary editor-in-chief, and Rev. C. R. Ferner as business manager. Later, the Board removed to the first and second floors front, of building No. 1025 Arch street, negotiating a lease for 21½ months, at $70 per month.

The Board, at its regular annual meeting, held September 16th, elected Rev. C. J. Musser permanent editor-in-chief, at the yearly salary of $1,800, and fixed the salary of the business manager at $1,300 per annum, beginning with October 1st, 1896, and provided for the manner of conducting the publications under the following resolutions and instructions:

"WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that each of its publications should present an harmonious whole, and that the expenses for editing the same may be done at the least possible cost,

"*Resolved*, That the editorial management of the *Messenger* be entirely under the control of one man, the editor-in-chief, and he be authorized and empowered to engage such editorial assistance as he deems necessary to the purpose herein expressed."

A resolution was also adopted, instructing the business manager to conduct a cash business in the Book Department, and to fill no orders for less than $1, unless the cash accompanies such orders. The reasons for this become so manifest, on reflection, that no reasonable objection can be urged against the plan. Experience shows that the numerous entries in the books and the postage expended in sending bills for these small accounts, consume in many instances the whole bill, thus entailing an actual loss, which in the course of a year amounts to a large sum. The Book Department is retained and conducted more as a convenience for the Church than as a source of profit, and must, therefore, be conducted on business methods to make it self-sustaining.

The Board also decided to continue the publication of the *Quarterly Review* during 1897, and fixed the subscription price at $2.00 per annum instead of $3.00, as heretofore. The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was elected editor of the publication.

You will note in the Treasurer's report that the estate of Dr.

Fisher is indebted to the Board in the sum of $1,850, for guarantee under the lease. In addition to this the Board will have a claim for $4,541.85 (approximately) on account of advanced subscriptions collected by the estate on the various periodicals. The Board resolved to employ Mr. Joseph A. Reed, attorney, to represent it in the collection of these claims. These claims are necessarily tied up until the executrix is prepared to make distribution. Whether all, or only part, will be realized, depends upon her ability to collect outstanding accounts and to dispose favorably of the other assets of the late lessee.

In this connection we again earnestly urge the membership of the Church, who are indebted to the estate of the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., to speedily pay their back obligations, so that the estate may be settled without delay, and the widow and creditors alike secure that to which they are justly entitled.

The Board has endeavored to give to the Synods a synopsis of the important facts which have occurred during the year in connection with the publication interests, and it believes that the plans already adopted and those in contemplation, in the near future will result in placing this interest on an intelligent and satisfactory business basis. To accomplish this most effectually, your aid, sympathy and earnest support are most essential, and in the confidence that these will be cheerfully accorded, this report is submitted for your respectful consideration.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*
EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1896.

Treasurer's Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

1895.				
Sept.	1.	Investments (as per report).....	$9,725.00	
		Cash on hand.....	996.81	$10,721.81

CASH RECEIPTS SEPT. 1, 1895, TO SEPT. 15, 1896.

1895.			
Sept.	5.	Six months' interest Geo. Reber note	$45.00
Sept.	5.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00
Oct.	7.	" " " Lydia Fisher mtg	24.75
Nov.	7.	" " " Mack mortgage	44.00
Nov.	7.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00

1896.			
Mar. 1.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00	
Mar. 2.	" " " Geo. Reber note	45.00	
Mar. 2.	" " " Car Trust bonds	15.00	
Apr. 1.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00	
Apr. 8.	Interest Mack mortgage.....	41.10	
Apr. 11.	Six months' interest Fisher mortgage	21.75	
May 12.	One year's interest Blosser judgment	12.00	
July 14.	Interest Margaret Hay Fisher.....	20.50	
July 14.	Interest C. M. Boush, Treasurer, two mortgages	50.00	
Sept. 1.	Six months' interest Silk Mill bonds	55.00	
	Interest Geo. Reber Note.....	30.00	
		$564.10	
	Bonus Mrs. Fisher's lease.....	$300.00	$864.10
			$11,585.91
	Expenses paid members of Board.....	$146.30	
	Paid Mrs. Margaret Hay Fisher.....	2,500.00	
	Paid Rev. C. R. Ferner, manager.....	1,000.00	
	Paid investments	7,875.00	
	Balance cash on hand.....	64.61	$11,585.91

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment (J. W. Wetzle, Carlisle)....	$200.00	
Reading Silk Mill bonds, first mortgage.....	2,000.00	
Lydia Fisher, first mortgage.....	725.00	
Isaac L. Deeter, first mortgage.....	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Massillion, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Youngstown, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00	
St. John's Reformed Ch., Reading, Pa.....	1,000.00	
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	800.00	
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	150.00	
	$7,875.00	
Due the Board Rev. C. G. Fisher's lease.....	$900.00	

JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer.*

READING, Sept. 15, 1896.

Report of Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee, to whom the annual report of the Publication Board was referred, presented its report on Monday's session, which was considered, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN:—The only report placed into our hands was the annual report of the "Board of Publication." After careful

examination of this annual report, your committee desires to submit the following summary to your consideration:

1. The report refers to changes "of a new and complicated nature" that have taken place during the past year, and supposes that these changes are "more or less familiar to you all," and that they have reached "a satisfactory solution" through the purchase and possession of all the rights and interests of the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.

2. The report notes the death of our brother, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., on the 25th day of February, 1896. Your committee recommends the appointing of a special committee of three of your number, two ministers and one elder, instructed to prepare and present at these sessions of Synod a suitable memorial notice.

3. The report states that at the first meeting of the Board, after the death of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, the Board found Rev. C. J. Musser, of Norristown, Pa., placed by the widow of Dr. Fisher in charge of the interests of her husband, as editor and publisher; and at this meeting the widow of Dr. Fisher stated that his estate was without funds, and that the Board, at her request, advanced the sum of $2,500, in such installments as might be needed, securing the loan by accepting of her personal note and other collateral security, viz: the income which might be received by the "publishing house." This arrangement was to be continued for three months, Mrs. Fisher binding herself by legal agreement, not to sell or transfer during this period of time, the interests of the estate in our publication matters, without the approval of the Board. The funds that were advanced under the terms of this agreement were subsequently repaid, with interest.

4. The report sets forth that, at an extra session of the Board held June 19, 1896, Mrs. Fisher, who having by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court, obtained possession and became owner of all of the "interest, rights, and merchandise in and of the publishing house," requested the Board to execute her a new lease under terms "similar to those made with the late Dr. Fisher, and to recognize her, and such parties she might elect to associate with her" as the lessee. This proposition the Board unanimously rejected.

5. The Board purchased of Mrs. Fisher all the rights and interests acquired by her "through the purchase" arising from the order of the Orphan's Court, together with the almanac, which was the property of Dr. Fisher, for $2,500, paying for "books, sheets and other merchandise, $500; for the almanac, $1,000; for the unexpired lease, $800; and for furniture and fixtures, $200."

6. The report sets forth that "soon after this purchase the Board concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board, whereby it transferred to that Board the Sunday School literature, with an agreement signed by three members of the Sunday School Board, viz: Conrad Clever, Rufus W. Miller, Calvin S. Gerhard, by which the Sunday School Board is obligated to pay 5% annually on $15,000, in semi-annual payments, and one-half of the expenses for room-rent, business manager, and "such other expenses as are jointly incurred."

7. The report sets forth that the Board (the date of its meeting is not given) rented the back building 907 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., at a monthly rental of $95, and elected Rev. C. J. Musser as temporary editor-in-chief, and Rev. C. R. Ferner as business manager, and that later, it removed to the first and second floors front, of building 1025 Arch street, which place they have by lease for 21½ months, at a rental of $70 per month.

8. The report states that at a regular meeting, held Sept. 16th, 1896, the Board elected Rev. C. J. Musser permanent editor-in-chief, at a yearly salary of $1,800, and fixed the salary of the business manager at $1,300 per annum.

At this meeting the Board adopted the following resolutions as an expression of their policy of conducting the various publications of our Church, viz:

WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that each of the publications should present an harmonious whole, and that the expenses for editing the same may be done at the least possible cost, therefore,

Resolved, That the editorial management of the "Messenger" be entirely under the control of one man, the editor-in-chief, and he be authorized and empowered to engage such editorial

assistance as he deems necessary to the purpose herein expressed.

Your committee, after careful consideration of the action taken by the Synod in 1888 and 1889, failed to see where the Board derived its authority to elect an editor-in-chief of the "Messenger" and to discontinue the services of the Synodical editors, and therefore submits the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod the Board of Publication, in electing an editor-in-chief and discontinuing the Synodical editors, without any consultation with Synod, exceeded the authority granted unto it by the three Synods concerned in the editorial management of the "Messenger."

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Board has already elected the Rev. C. J. Musser as editor-in-chief of the "Messenger," we hereby ratify said election, without however yielding any of our Synodical rights, or abrogating any of our previous actions, in the editorial management of the "Messenger."

9. A resolution of the Board, instructing its business manager to conduct a cash business in its book department, and to fill no orders for less than $1, unless accompanied with the cash.

10. The Board announces that it has decided to continue the publication of the "Reformed Quarterly Review" during 1897, fixed the subscription price at $2.00 and elected the Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., as editor.

Your committee begs leave to offer the following resolution upon this item:

Resolved, That this action of the Board in reducing the subscription price of the "Review," and the election of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., as editor, be ratified.

11. The report shows that the estate of Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board in the sum of $6,391.85,—$1,850 of this amount for guarantee under the lease and $4,581.85 on account of advanced subscriptions to the various periodicals. This account is in the hands of an attorney for collection. It is the opinion of the Board that the payment in whole, or in part, of this account depends upon the ability of the executrix to collect outstanding accounts, and make favorable disposition of the assets of the Chas. G. Fisher estate.

12. The Board urges the membership of the Church, who may be indebted to the estate of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., to make immediate payment of their obligations.

In this connection your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the different pastors be requested to call the attention of the membership of the Church to this unsettled condition of the estate of Dr. Fisher and urge all those owing subscriptions to periodicals, or book accounts, to make immediate payment of their obligation.

13. The Board asks further aid and sympathy and earnest support of the Church in its administration of our publication interests and believes that with such assistance its policy would most effectually be carried out.

In this connection, your committee offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the aid, sympathy and earnest support of this Synod is hereby pledged to our Board of Publication in their conduction of our publication interests.

REV. B. B. FERER, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the 2d item in the foregoing report, the Chair appointed a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., J. G. Dengler and Elder A. Lukenbach, to prepare a suitable report as a memorial to Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., deceased. The following report was read and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions in relation to the death of Dr. C. G. Fisher, begs leave to offer the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, In the All-wise Providence of God, Rev. C. G. Fisher, D.D., office-editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," and publisher of other Church periodicals of our Church, was suddenly and unexpectedly removed, Feb. 26, 1896, from a sphere of great usefulness and responsibility to a much higher one of rest and reward in heaven, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod recognizes in the sudden departure of Dr. C. G. Fisher from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, the hand of God, our Heavenly Father, who calls His servants away from His and their work on earth whensoever it pleases Him, and who orders all things well.

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. C. G. Fisher the Church

loses a faithful co-laborer in the work of the Lord, who had endeared himself by his Christian character and deportment of life to many of those who knew him in the various walks and relations of life.

Resolved, That this Synod deeply sypathizes with the bereaved widow and the orphans of the deceased, and prays that the God of all consolation may comfort them in their sore bereavement.

Resolved, That we, as servants of Christ and as ministers of His Church, see in this mournful event an admonition of the Lord to work faithfully while it is day, for the night cometh, in which no man can work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HEISTER, *Chairman.*

Reformed Church Tidings.

Item 16, in Report on Overtures, with reference to "Reformed Church Tidings," was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. Alvin Reber, and Elder Hiram C. Hoover, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the request from the Committee on Publication of "Reformed Church Tidings," respectfully offer the following:

Resolved, That this Synod places on record its hearty approval and commendation of the action of the General Synod and its several Boards, in providing such a missionary periodical as "Reformed Church Tidings," published at a price so low as to enable every family connected with the Church to receive a copy.

Resolved, That the pastor and consistory of every congregation within the bounds of this Synod are urgently requested to show their appreciation of the "Reformed Church Tidings" by making definite efforts to place a copy in every family represented in the congregations and Sunday Schools of their charges.

Resolved, That our Classes are requested to call the attention of pastors and consistories to the importance of loyally supporting this organ of the General Synod, in view of the fact that it opens an avenue between the Boards of the Church and

all our churches and members, whom the Boards represent, and in view of the fact also that without such universal circulation of the "Tidings" it will be impossible to publish the paper at such a low subscription rate.

Respectfully,
S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 17, in Report on Overtures, contained a request from the Woman's Missionary Society of this Synod to have the proceedings of its late convention published under the same cover with the minutes of the Eastern Synod. The request was granted.

Printing Minutes.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,800 copies of the minutes of the present sessions of Synod duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute the same to those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHAN HOME AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The following report of Bethany Orphan Home was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We hand you herewith a printed copy of the Thirty-third Annual Report of Bethany Orphan's Home. In addition to the information therein contained, we wish to state that our present indebtedness on account of current expenses, amounts to about $2,000. Our experience in the past has been that we are usually in debt at this season of the year, but not always to so large an amount as is the case this year. The large amount of indebtedness this year is partly accounted for:

First, To expenditures made for necessary repairs and improvements.

Second, To the fact that the Board has inaugurated the policy of saving all legacies and placing money thus received into the endowment fund.

Our indebtedness on current expenses by Christmas time

will probably amount to between three and four thousand dollars.

We have, at present, 113 children in the Home, with six more admitted whom we expect to enter shortly.

All our children are Church orphans, dependant entirely upon the Church for support. We have no boarders.

We are almost ready to open the Frick Memorial Cottage, in which children under six years of age are to be cared for. This will involve an additional expense for the coming year. The cottage itself, a beautiful and substantial building, was a gift from Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia.

From these facts you will see the importance of again asking all the congregations and Sunday Schools in the Synod to take part in raising contributions for the support of this work at Christmas time.

The amount to be raised this year should not be less than $7,000.

The health of our family has been very good during the year.

For more extended information concerning the work of the Home we kindly invite your attention to the printed report.

With gratitude to Almighty God for His kind care over our large family during the past year and depending upon Him and His people for further support, I am, in behalf of the Board of Managers,

Yours very truly,
THOS. M. YUNDT,
Supt. Bethany Orphan Home.

Report of the Standing Committee on Orphans' Home.

The Standing Committee, to whom the foregoing report was referred submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Orphans' Home begs leave to offer the folowing report:

From the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, and from the annual report of the Superintendent, we learn that this Home for the orphans of the Church has had a prosperous year. It enjoys the continued patronage of the Church under the blessing of the Father of the fatherless.

For the many evidences of the prosperity of this blessed work the whole Church may well rejoice and give praise to God. We suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we give devout thanks to God for His care and blessing in this sacred work.

Resolved, That this cause be and hereby is earnestly and affectionately commended to the Classes, consistories, congregations, Sunday Schools and members of the Church, that there be no diminution, but rather a continued and steady increase in gifts and offerings.

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. WHITMORE, *Chairman.*

Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

In the Report on Overtures were presented a report of the Daniel Stine Home and the annual statement of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which were referred to a special committee, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your special committee, to whom were referred items 4 and 13 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, respectfully beg leave to report and recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices to learn of the establishment of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home for aged ministers and their widows, located at Myerstown, Pa., and hereby puts on record its gratitude to Almighty God, under whose inspiration those goodly dispositions of love and generosity were developed in the heart and mind of Mrs. Linda S. Kaub, by which she was prompted to give the munificent gift by which this home for His aged servants became a possibility.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Synod that the maintenance of these aged servants of the Lord, after their self-denying labors of years, is a cause so sacred as to call forth the earnest sympathy and the substantial support of the whole Church.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as there are no funds immediately available for the support of the above-named Home, and inasmuch as there are those for whom the comfort of this Home should be made immediately available, therefore this Synod most earnestly requests all its pastors to bring to the attention of the entire membership of their respective charges the claims of this most worthy institution, asking in its behalf the earnest prayers and the liberal gifts of all.

4. *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as it is important that this good work should begin at once, the Corresponding Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this action to every pastor of this Synod, urging a collection to be lifted on or before January 1st, 1897, and to be sent to the Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod urges the respective Classes to encourage liberal free-will offerings on the part of the congregations within their bounds for the support of this Home.

6. *Resolved*, That the statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows be embodied in the minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. B. SCHNEDER,
REV. D. U. WOLFF,
ELDER M. F. KOENIG.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

Philadelphia Classis	$164.52
Schuylkill Classis	155.00
Tohickon Classis	65.00
East Pennsylvania Classis	65.00
West Susqeuhanna Classis	61.50
West Susquehanna Classis	33.97
Lancaster Classis	30.90
Goshenhoppen Classis	27.00
Wyoming Classis	8.35
	$611.24

Paid to 17 annuitants $925.00—that is $313.76 more than received from the different Classes.

In view of this we ask for greater liberality in the coming year. With the prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations, I am,

Fraternally Yours,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

MT. PLEASANT, Md., September 30th, 1896.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing Sept. 30th, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

To amt. in Treasury as per last report	$3,376.63
" " from interest on investments	2,721.08
" " " matured loans	1,900.00
" " " collections in the churches	1,756.09
" " " royalty on church hymnal	990.75
" " " miscellaneous sources	396.64
" " " Pittsburgh Synod, special	325.00
" " " Daniel Stine Memorial Home	166.42
" " " bequest from J. B. Fisher, esq.	95.00
Total	$11,727.61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investments	$4,600.00
Paid to Annuitants	2,574.58
Paid for expenses	168.72
Amt. in Treasury Sept. 30, 1896	4,384.31
Total	$11,727.61
Invested Fund	$35,250.00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., L. W. Showers, Wm. Renter, John F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, DD., O. P. Schellhamer, Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebins H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmalz, Atvill Conner, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D.D., Edward Herbruck, D.D., Joseph Sechler and Wm. H. Groh.

Annual Members.—Revs. Philip Steinhage, Jacob D. Bührer and Ludwig W. Zenke.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Method of Conducting Synodical Business.

In item 9, in the report of Minutes of Synod, reference is made to the appointment of a special committee to suggest an improved method of conducting the business of Synod. The following report was submitted and adopted, which is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—You committee, appointed a year ago to suggest an improved method of conducting the business of Synod, would respectfully submit the following report for your consideration:

All of the members of the committee, except Rev. N. Z. Snyder, met in session Sept. 15, 1896, in the parsonage of St. Thos. Reformed church, Reading, Pa., and after careful deliberation, were unanimously agreed to submit the following recommendations for your adoption:

1. That the Synod directs the Stated Clerk to prepare an outline report of the minutes of Synod, District and General for the use of the committees on such minutes.

2. That Synod requests the Classes to direct their respective Stated Clerks to send certified copies of the Classical minutes to the Stated Clerk of Synod, and that he shall, with such help as he may call to his aid, prepare a tabulated statement of all such items in the Classical minutes which require the attention of Synod, for the use of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes.

3. That the Synod directs the Corresponding Secretary to note, upon announcement by the President, the presence and record the names of Advisory members and visiting brethren of other denominations, and furnish the Stated Clerk with a complete list from day to day, for incorporation in the minutes.

4. That the Stated Clerk be requested to prepare, as far as possible, a brief biographical sketch of ministers who have died during the Synodical year, for the use of the Committee on the State of the Church.

5. That Synod overture the General Synod to so amend Article 26, in the Rules of Order, that instead of reading, "nor longer than one hour," it read, nor longer than thirty minutes,

and instead of "unanimous consent," it further read, by the consent of the body.

6. The expense of your committee incurred in the transaction of the business assigned to it by Synod, amounts to $8.29.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER,
C. S. WIEAND.
JNO. PHIL. STEIN,
JNO. H. SECHLER,

Utilizing the Sesqui-Centennial.

The historical address in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial of the Constitution, on the subject: "Data in the Constitutional History of the Reformed Church," was delivered Friday, at 2 P. M., by Rev. H. T. Spangler, President of Ursinus College. After the delivery of the address, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the best means of utilizing the present Sesqui-Centennial celebration for the revival of historical study and the preservation of historical material.

A special committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Dr. H. T. Spangler, L. K. Evans, and Elder M. F. Koenig, who presented, at Friday evening's session, the following report, which was duly considered, amended and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The committee, to whom was referred the question of utilizing the present Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the founding of the Reformed Church in this country, for the revival of historical study and the preservation of historical material, would recommend:

1. That a committee of five be appointed by this Synod:

a. To secure a complete file of the minutes of the conventions and of the Synods of the Church, either original copies or transcripts, the same to be placed for preservation and use in the room of the Historical Society in the College building, at Lancaster, Pa.

b. To collect and place in the archives of Synod such other manuscripts, papers, and publications as the committee may be able to discover that may now or may in the future be of historical value.

2. That this committee be requested to prepare for publication all early documents they may discover that, in their judgment, would be of value in preserving the history of the Church.

3. That this committee take all necessary steps to revive the Historical Society of the Reformed Church, or to organize such a society, in case the historical interests of the Church can best be subserved in that way.

4. That the committee consist of Revs. J. H. Dubbs, D.D., Jas. I. Good, D.D., John P. Stein, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., and the Hon. George F. Bear.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nominations.

The Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod.

The election for Trustee of Synod was made the order of the day, on Friday at 4 P. M., and for the remainder on the ticket, on Monday at 11 A. M. At the first election, Revs. C. H. Coon and Jno. W. Reinecke were appointed tellers, and at the second election Revs. Samuel A. Leinbach, Wilson F. More, and Elder C. W. Myers were appointed to serve in that capacity.

At the hours fixed for the election, the tickets were distributed, the roll called and the ballot taken. The results were reported by the tellers to the President, who announced the names of the persons duly elected.

For the members elected on the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, see Article XIII; for Trustee of Synod, see Article XV., Finance; and for the member of the Sunday School Board, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. J. Alvin Reber, Thos. H. Krick, and Elder Daniel Shepp a Committee on Excuses.

At the close of the session, the report of the committee was read and adopted. Those excused have the day on which they were excused noted in Article II., Members Present. In view of the fact that many hurry away before the close of the Synod, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Synod has, like others before it, found that many delegates not only ask to be excused when they have been present at the sessions only for a day or two, but that many go away without even showing proper regard to Synod, or their duty to the Classes to the extent of asking for excuses, therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to these derelictions in duty on the part of their delegates.

Literary Institutions.

The catalogues of the various literary institutions under the control of the Church, and noted in the Report on Overtures, were referred to a special committee, who presented its report on Monday's session, which was adopted:

Your special committee, to which were referred the catalogues of Ursinus College and Theological School, that of Allentown College for Women, and that of Mercersburg College, find from these documents the following facts:

1. The catalogue of Ursinus College contains 107 pages, gives the information that the corps of instructors is composed of eighteen professors and teachers, drawn from Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins and Clark Universities and other American colleges. The instruction is offered in four courses —the regular Classical course, a Mathematical, Physical, a Chemical Biologicate on Preparatory Medical, and a Modern Language course. The College is equipped with a scientific laboratory for work in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The attendance of students during the year in the College has been 66, 31 in the School of Theology and 101 in the Academy—a total of 198.

2. The catalogue of Allentown College shows considerable prosperity and progress. The number of students for the last four years averaged 127. The School had an average income during these four years of $7,292.22.

3. The catalogue of Mercersburg College shows said College to be in a flourishing condition. It had 106 students during

the year. The curriculum is well adapted to the purposes for which the school is specially designed. The corps of instructors consists of nine teachers, and the personality and capacity of these is such as to inspire confidence in the School as a first-class Academy.

These facts show commendable progress, but all agree as to the need of larger endowments to enable them to supply better and fuller equipments. Your committee therefore offers the following:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the continued success in good work done in the education of the sons and daughters of the Church.

Resolved, That this Synod commends these Schools to the cordial patronage in scholars and more generous liberality in money, and hearty sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP,
J. H. PANNEBECKER,
L. C. SCHARTEL.

Plan for a Beneficiary Educational Endowment.

In item 7, in Report on Overtures, a communication is noted coming from Rev. Hiram King, in which this Synod is solicited to co-operate with others in the establishment of an endowment fund for Beneficiary Education, in response to which the following action was taken:

Resolved, That, while appreciating the importance of Beneficiary Education, inasmuch as we are at the present time carrying forward the work successfully, we deem it inexpedient to accede to the request.

Calvin College.

The 8th item in Report on Overtures, having reference to Calvin College, was adopted, and an appropriation of $300 was granted for the interests of the institution.

Allentown College for Women.

The consideration of the 1st item in Report on Overtures, in regard to transfer of Allentown College, was made the order of the day on Saturday at 10 A. M. The communication is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Classis of East Pennsylvania and the Classis of Lehigh, I hereby overture your venerable body, to consider the propriety of accepting the real estate and franchises of the College for Women, located at Allentown, Pa., in consideration of the payment of the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) by the Synod to the Trustees of the College, and upon the further condition that the said College be kept and maintained as an institution for the education of young women.

The present Board of Trustees, in their representative character, obligate themselves for the remaining indebtedness, over and above $20,000, so that when the transfer is consummated, the College shall be free of all encumbrances.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON F. MORE.

The overture, after some discussion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jno. F. DeLong, Samuel L. Whitmore, and Elder H. M. Housekeeper, who presented, on Monday, in the afternoon session, the following report, which was considered item by item, amended and adopted. The report is as follows:

The paper referred to your committee is a communication from East Pennsylvania and Lehigh Classes, present owners of the "Allentown College for Women," and contains an offer to transfer to this Synod said Institution with all its property in fee simple, and free of all debt, on condition that this Synod pays to the Board of Trustees of the College, the sum of $20,000, the actual transfer to be made whenever said sum shall be paid to said Board of Trustees.

After a careful consideration of all the interests involved, your committee came to the unanimous conclusion that, if possible, this very liberal proposition should be accepted.

Your committee feels that the time has come when this, the Mother Synod of our Church, ought to do something for the higher education and culture of her daughters. Other denominations and other Synods in our denomination are moving in this direction, and this, the sesqui-centennial of our exist-

ence as a Synod, would seem to be a most fitting time for the inauguration of a similar movement among us.

The number of families in our Church, seeking such an institution for their daughters is steadily and rapidly growing, especially in our country charges, where the opportunities for higher education are generally so limited. These good people would naturally prefer to send their daughters to an institution of our own Church. We are anxious also, for many reasons, to have them do so. But if our Church does not *provide* such an institution—and an institution which in its equipment and otherwise shall compare favorably with other similar institutions,—what else can we expect but that these young women, representing in the large majority of instances our best families, shall, in growing numbers, receive their higher educational training in the institutions of other churches and thus be measurably weaned from their own mother Church?

Moreover, we need such a College for women, in order that this growing disposition of our people toward literal culture for their daughters may be encouraged and assisted.

Our Reformed Church has always been the advocate of culture for its own sake. It believes that the chief end and aim of education is not to be found in anything outward, material and temporal, but rather in the unfolding enrichment and perfecting of our human personality. It believes that education has an *eternal* value and shall be an *everlasting* possession and enjoyment to him who has acquired it. Hence, its aim is and should be, to become as universal as the preaching of the Gospel itself. And for our Church to go on founding colleges and multiplying facilities for the benefit of our young men while absolutely nothing is being done for our young women, is not only unwise, but also a discrimination against the weaker sex in the highest interests of our humanity, which is most unfair and unjust.

This has long been felt by the owners and patrons of the Allentown College for Women. This feeling was the inspiration which led to its founding in the first place. This feeling has impelled them to rally to its support from year to year and uphold it at the cost of great personal sacrifice and ——— amid all the trials of its history; and now realizing that the burden is too heavy for them alone, that unassisted by a wider

constituency they are unable to keep pace with the rapid forward strides of many other similar institutions, they come to this Synod with the Macedonian cry to come over and help them.

The property of the College is estimated to be worth upwards of $55,000. The debt resting upon it is something over $30,000. Of this, if the Synod will pay $20,000, the people of Allentown promised to contribute the remainder, thus making to the Synod an actual gift of $35,000.

In view of all these facts and considerations, your committee would offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod accept the offer of the Allentown College for Women on the terms proposed, the actual sale and transfer of the property to be made whenever these terms are fulfilled.

2. *Resolved*, That the interest meanwhile accruing on these $20,000 be paid by the present owners, until the first day of November, 1900, after which date the payment of the interest, if such there be, shall be assumed by the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint a committee, consisting of one member from each Classis, with Prof. J. W. Knappenberger as chairman, which shall proceed forthwith to raise the money needed for this purchase in such way and according to such plan as may seem to them most expedient, and that said committee is hereby authorized, either in person or by an agent, to solicit contributions and accept gifts for this purpose from all the charges, congregations and members of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That this action be commended to the favorable attention of the respective Classes, and that they are hereby urged to co-operate to carry it into effect.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod commend this movement to the especial attention of the women of our Church and hereby solicits their aid in the work for the higher education and culture of women.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of Synod be and hereby is instructed to confer with the Board of Trustees of the College for Women at Allentown, to draw up articles of agreement in keeping with the foregoing resolutions.

In response to the 3d resolution, the President appointed the following committee: East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. J. F.

DeLong; Lebanon Classis, Rev. I. Calvin Fisher; Philadelphia Classis, Rev. A. S. Bromer; Lancaster Classis, J. S. Hartman; East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. C. B. Schneder; West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. S. L. Whitmore; Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. J. E. Freeman; Tohickon Classis, Rev. C. B. Weaver; Lehigh Classis, Rev. Geo. W. Richards; Schuylkill Classis, Rev. O. H. Struck; Wyoming Classis, Rev. C. H. Brandt; Reading Classis, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D.

Anti-Saloon League.

The 5th item, in Report on Overtures, having reference to a communication from the Anti-Saloon League, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, Z. A. Yearick, and Elder Henry P. Follmer, who presented their report on Saturday, which was adopted:

From the papers of the American Anti-Saloon League placed into our hands, we glean these facts:

The organization has for its object the suppression of the saloon. It seeks to unite all the temperance forces in a new movement to abolish the liquor traffic. To this end, the Synod is urged to send two delegates to the National Anti-Saloon Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., December 8-10, 1896.

Your committee fully realizes the monster evils of the liquor traffic and deeply deplores the existence of the saloon. We sincerely hope that the motto of the Anti-Saloon League, "The Saloon must go," may be an actuality in the near future. Satan controls and uses no mightier agency against the Church of Christ, than the pernicious influence of the saloon. In view of the physical wreck and moral ruin caused by the saloon, we offer the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod sincerely believes in the speedy suppression of the saloon and the abolition of drunkenness.

Resolved, That this Synod urges all its pastors, elders and deacons exert every legitimate influence for the removal of this great evil.

Resolved, That this Synod does not see its way clear to send delegates to the proposed convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

Wichita College Claim.

The 6th item in Report on Overtures, having reference to a claim against Wichita College, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., F. B. Hahn, and Elder F. G. Hobson, esq., who presented a report on Monday evening, which was considered item by item, and finally adopted. It is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN:—Your special committee, to whom was referred item No. 6, of the report of the Committee on Overtures, having reference to the affairs of the Wichita University, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

Two papers were placed into our hands; the one from the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, the other from the surviving guarantors. From these documents we learn:

1. That in February, 1890, the authorities of Wichita University obtained the loan of $10,000, at 6%, by mortgage on the said University property, secured by these several guarantors, to wit: Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., $2,000; Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., $1,000; Hon. Geo. F. Baer, $2,000; Mr. Lewis Kraemer, $1,000; Rev. C. U. Heilman, $3,000, and D. H. Wingerd, esq., $1,000.

2. That the Wichita University has failed as an institution of learning, but that the authorities of said University hold in trust, assets in securities at an estimated value of $9,732.63.

3. That because of the failure of the Institution, there was no income accruing to pay the interest of the loan, and that therefore the said guarantors were necessitated to pay the semi-annual interest ever since the first payment of interest fell due, August, 1890.

4. That now the mortgage is overdue and, when demanded, must be paid, either by the University authorities or by the said guarantors.

5. That since this state of affairs exists, the said guarantors request your Synod to authorize the authorities of the said University to devote whatever assets and securities there may be at command to the payment of the first mortgage debt, with interest, and thus relieve them of the liability of their guaranty.

6. That the said guarantors also made a proposition to the Board of Trustees of said University, to wit: "If you gentle-

men will secure or co-operate with us in securing action of the three Synods, authorizing you to apply this money (held by you in trust) in payment of the debt to us, whatever balance remains unpaid we will cheerfully cancel; and then you will own the buildings and grounds, free from debt, and subject to the uses and purposes of the Synods for the future."

7. That the said Board of Trustees accepted the above proposition with the modification that the said Board tender the guarantors all the balance of the money in their hands recovered from the judgment of Schweitzer, et. al., after the professors' claims and other claims against said University shall have been paid, and that the said Board submit and recommend to the three Synods the propositions of turning over to the said guarantors the balance of the Endowment Fund in their hands, or as much of it as shall be required to cancel the claim of said guarantors and to transfer to the said guarantors said balance of the Endowment Fund, if your Synod, with the concurrence of the other two Synods, so direct, provided that said guarantors, in consideration of the above, release said mortgage of $10,000, with all interest on the same, and waive all further claims against said University and the Board of Trustees of the same.

In view of all these facts, your committee suggests the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod gives its consent that the Board of Trustees of Wichita University carry out the proposition to deliver to the said guarantors all the needed assets included in the Endowment Fund, after the professors' salaries shall have been paid; provided the guarantors satisfy the mortgage upon said property and waive all further claims against Wichita University and against said Board of Trustees. This action to be binding only if concurred in by the other two Synods.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to send a copy of the above resolution, with the seal of Synod, to Geo. F. Baer. esq., to the Board of Trustees of the Wichita University and to the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods.

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

American Bible Society.

The 3d item, in Report on Overtures, with reference to American Bible Society, was referred to a special committee,

consisting of Revs. C. U. O. Derr, C. H. Mutschler, and Elder Allen D. Aulenbaugh, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Eastern Synod:

Your committee, appointed to consider the communication of the American Bible Society, begs leave to make the following statement:

The report accompanying the communication affords every reason for gratification in its continued prosperity and its outlook. In the eighty years of its existence it has been the means of placing millions of Bibles in the homes and hands of the people.

The object of its efforts is worthy of our most hearty endorsement, and the efforts themselves deserving of our support by prayer, and, in view of the undenominational character of the work, and the dependance of the organization upon free-will offerings for its furtherance, by that substantial expression of co-operation, contributions.

Appreciating the importance of the work; recognizing the need of the Society, growing out of its wide-spread activity, extending, as it does, to every land where missionaries are at work, we would respectfully suggest that the attention of the pastors of the Synods, through the Classes, be called to the appeal from the American Bible Society, and wherever practicable an offering be lifted for the extension of this work.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. U. O. DERR, *Chairman.*

Reporting Advisory Members and Visiting Brethren.

Revs. A. R. Bartholomew and J. O. Lindaman were appointed a committee to record the names of advisory members and visiting brethren, with their Classical and Synodical relation, and report the same at the close of each day's session. The work was attended to.

Telegraphic Communications.

Pittsburgh Synod, the daughter, in her 27th annual sessions, sends greetings to the Eastern Synod, the mother, in her 150th anniversary. Phil. 4:23. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

By the instructions of Synod, the President sent back the following response:

The Mother Synod returns its cordial salutations, with the benediction: "Grace be unto you and peace from God, the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Moravian Seminary (Founded 1749).

A cordial invitation was extended by Rev. J. Max Hark, D.D., Principal of Moravian Seminary and College for Women, to the members of Synod to visit the aforesaid institution, the oldest of its kind in this country, in response to which the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the kind invitation be accepted, and our thanks be returned by the Corresponding Secretary to Dr. Max Hark, and that he be informed that if the stress of Synodical business permit, we shall be happy to be present.

Sesqui-Centennial Addresses.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be requested to secure the papers prepared and read in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial exercises of the Synod for publication in the "Messenger," and that they, by circular, ascertain the number of subscribers for the same, bound in pamphlet form, and have that or a larger number, as they in their judgment would deem wisely, for sale.

Selection of Time and Place for Synod's Next Annual Session.

The invitation to Synod from the St. John's Reformed congregation, Milton, Pa., to hold its next annual sessions in their church, was thankfully accepted. And the time for the opening session was fixed on the 3d Wednesday in October, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Addresses from Visiting Brethren.

Prof. Wm. M. Irvine, Principal of Mercersburg College, delivered a brief address on Thursday, in the interest of that Institution; Rev. A. Carl Whitmer, Supt. of Missions, of Eastern and Potomac Synods, on the 3d day of the sessions, made a brief statement of the financial condition of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, Supt. of Bethany Orphan Home, gently and yet urgently reminded the Synod of the needs of the Home; Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Principal of Allen-

town College for Women, on the 4th day of the sessions, presented the needs and the history of the aforesaid Institution, and cordially solicited the patronage of Synod in its behalf; Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, made an earnest plea for more faithful co-operation on the part of Synod in coming to the rescue of our needy brethren; Rev. Gustav Jurany, of Trenton, N. J., missionary among the Hungarians, expressed his cordial thanks for the mission work done by the Reformed Church among his countrymen, stating that there were no less than 20,000 in this country whose religious needs are to be cared for by the Lord's people.

Reporters to the Press.

The reporters of the proceedings of Synod, appointed by the President at the opening of the sessions, presented the following report, which was adopted. It is as follows:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHEN:—We, the undersigned committee, appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod to the papers, beg leave to inform the Synod that we have performed our duties. Full and accurate accounts were printed in the three daily papers of Bethlehem, namely, "The Bethlehem Times," "The Bethlehem Star," and "The Bethlehem Globe." Brief accounts were also given in several Philedalphia papers. Hence, the work of Synod was thoroughly published, both here and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. H. BRANDT,
REV. D. W. ALBRIGHT,
REV. C. E. SCHAEFFER,
REV. E. S. BROMER,
JNO. F. DELONG.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were read and adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hereby extends its hearty thanks to the Christ Reformed church, of Bethlehem, for the use of their church; also to the Christ Reformed, and other Reformed congregations of the Bethlehems, for the most hospitable entertainment accorded the Eastern Synod in its Sesqui-Centennial

session; that the local pastors convey the thanks of Synod to their respective congregations.

Resolved, That we expess our thanks to the Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia & Reading, Pennsylvania, and Central Railroad of New Jersey, for granting excursion rates to the members of Synod, and to the local papers, in which were published the proceedings of Synod, and to Pastor G. A. Schwedes, for his close attention to the needs of Synod, and his part in preparing the excellent program for this session.

The following members of Synod were absent without excuse at the final roll call: Rev. W. W. Deatrick, and Elders Thos. Laubach, Geo. D. Schaeffer, C. S. Messinger, Isaac B. Myers, H. D. Synder, Wm. H. Kress and H. W. Hibschman.

The minutes of Monday's sessions were then read and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, When the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in St. John's Reformed church, of Milton, Pa., the third Wednesday in October, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 P. M.

Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 12th, at 10.30 o'clock, with singing a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

H. M. KIEFFER, *President.*
JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.
JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN U. S.

The Ninth Annual Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Synod was held in First Reformed church, Philadelphia, Pa., October 1st and 2d, A. D., 1896.

The sessions were opened and closed with religious services.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Mrs. Lucy S. Orth, Danville, Pa.

Recording Secretary, Miss Kate Laux, Catasauqua, Pa.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carrie H. Stein, Annville, Pa.

Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, Reading, Pa.

The following committees were appointed:

On Resolutions: Mrs. J. W. Knappenberger, Mrs. C. B. Schneder and Mrs. D. H. Kratz.

On Auditing Accounts: Mrs. R. S. Dotterer, Mrs. S. P. Mauger and Mrs. J. H. Bressler.

On Reporting to Reformed Church and City Papers: Mrs. Carrie H. Stein, Miss Laura Herbst, Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Miss Lizzie Snavely, Miss Lizzie Lisberger, Miss Clara Doll and Miss Mary Dohner.

The Committee on Program, appointed a year ago, submitted the following order of recitations, addresses and service, which was adopted:

THURSDAY EVENING.

Session opened with an anthem by choir.

Devotional service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler.

Greetings, Mrs. R. S. Dotterer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Essay, "Our Privileges and Opportunities," Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Reading, Pa.

Recitation, "Death of the First Missionary," Mrs. H. A. Bomberger, Philadelphia.

Essay, "The Open Door," Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.

Solo, "The Holy City," Mrs. Laura Wireback, Philadelphia.

Address, "The Trend of Missions," Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Potsville.

Solo, by Miss Atwood, and the closing service.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The session was opened with an anthem by the choir.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. H. String, Philadelphia.

The reading of Treasurer's report, by Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser.

Essay, "A Cup of Cold Water," Miss Elvy Kilmer, Myerstown.

Solo, Miss Elsia North. (Title not given.)

Essay, "How to Inculcate the Missionary Spirit in Children," Mrs. R. L. Gerhart, Bellefonte.

Address, "Women in Japan," Rev. D. B. Schneder.

Remarks by the President, Mrs. Lucy S. Orth.

Parting words by Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Sechler.

Report of the Treasurer.

Balance in Treasury Oct., 1895	$250.87
Order of service sold	1.00
Postage refunded	2.68
Collections	17.94
W. M. S. Philadelphia Classis	389.00
" Lebanon Classis	297.20
" Lancaster Classis	336.00
" East Susquehanna Classis	164.25
" Wyoming Classis	305.90
" West Susquehanna Classis	62.50
" East Pennsylvania Classis	191.00
" Schuylkill Classis	203.00
" Goshenhoppen Classis	100.00
Lehigh Classis	240.00
Tohickon Classis	
Reading Classis	430.00
	$2,991.34
Expenditures	$2,966.94
Balance in Treasury	$24.40

The foregoing report was submitted to the Auditing Committee with vouchers, and found to be correct.

Since the offerings of several of the Woman's Classical Missionary Societies were sent to other Treasurers, and thus failed in passing through the hands of the Treasurer of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, those Classical Woman's Missionary Societies did not receive credit for those offerings in the foregoing report. The Corresponding Secretary reports that there is an increase of 14 Societies over the former year, making 122 Societies at the present time; and an increase of 406 members, making the membership 3,747 for the present year.

Work Assumed for the Coming Year.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synodical Missionary Society assume $2,000 towards the support of the Girls' School, at Sendai, Japan; and $1,500 for the work of Home Missions.

In connection with this subject, an interesting paper, prepared by Mrs. E. V. Gerhart, was read, entitled, "How can we induce the women in the Reformed Church to become more interested in the work of the W. M. Society?"

Mission Band Helper.

An appeal was made by Miss Anna M. Kieffer, Chairman of "Mission Band Helper of General Synod's Woman's Missionary Society," for the support and patronage of the local Societies in behalf of this missionary publication.

In response to this appeal, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That it is hereby most earnestly requested that each Classical W. M. Society pay two and one-half dollars by January 1st, 1897, toward the publication of the "Mission Band Helper."

Woman's Journal.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, calling the attention of this Society to the indebtedness of the "Journal," whereupon, after thoughtful discussion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this Society hereby obligates itself to pay twenty-five dollars toward the reduction of the debt on current expenses in the publication of the "Woman's Journal."

Action was taken to have the proceedings of the Society reported annually to the Synod.

Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report to the Society, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In reviewing the labors of the past year, we learn that the Lord has richly blest our feeble efforts, calling forth our sincere thanks for blessings received and more earnest efforts in the future to do his will, we herewith submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby urge upon our Classical Presi-

dents the duty of instructing their local Societies to make full statistical reports of all work done in the local Societies, that our Secretaries may be enabled to make full reports to the higher bodies.

2. *Resolved*, That we call attention to the importance of increasing the circulation of the missionary literature of the Church, and especially that which is under the care of the W. M. Society.

3. *Resolved*, That we consecrate ourselves anew to the work undertaken by this body in the increase of our energies, looking to God for his blessing.

4. *Resolved*, That we herewith extend our most hearty thanks to the pastor, consistory, Ladies' Aid Society and members of the 1st Reformed church, Philadelphia, for their generous entertainment, the use of the church and the delightful service of the choir; and also the beautiful floral decorations, all of which contributed to the success and delight of our missionary sessions held in their midst, in the interests of the Church and the Woman's Missionary Society.

5. *Resolved*, That the Society hold its next annual meeting on Thursday and Friday, the week previous to the meeting of Synod, and that the designation of the place be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

MRS. LUCY S. ORTH, *President*.
MISS KATE LAUX, *Secretary*.

STATISTICS EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS, MAY 13, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	No. of Congre'tions.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Ad'lts.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post-Office Address.
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	510	400	35	2	18	12	410	15		20	30	3	18	319		$ 285	$ 1151	6	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville	3	580	250	33		25	2	480	10			18	4	36	380		393	1350	9	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	120	28	10		12		70	2			2	2	18	120		25	270	4	Bath, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Lafayette Col.																				Easton, Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Super-Annuated																				Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	398	165	48	3	18	20	318	3		12	4	1	33	361	1	199	1530	7	Easton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	850	612	26		15	6	573	3			24	5	56	450		171	1300	20	Bath, Pa.
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	675	390	26			6	410	6			18	7	50	425	2	240	1300	12	Cherryville, Pa.
J. G. Neff	Without Charge																				Hamburg, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	641	365	49		34	4	470	5		1	15	7	50	465		131	1251	12	Effort, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	Third St., Easton	1	547	175	13	2	10	4	408	7		1	11	2	41	339		1795	3838	14	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasaqua	1	282	181	24		16	9	270	2		25	8	1	31	264	1	242	1435	14	Catasauqua, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	274	113	10		10	1	182	1			5	1	23	135		138	997	7	Bath, Pa.
John Wolbach	Without Charge																				Catasauqua, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	430	120	16		38	7	395	12		13	10	3	34	325		172	1140	16	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A. Schwedes	Christ Church, Bethl'm	1	515	190	16	2	16	31	410	6		10	12	1	50	330	2	440	4700	16	Bethlehem, Pa.
Silas F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	616	557	15				430	1			9	3	35	330	2	131	1000	6	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethl'm	1	300	275	15		7	16	240	7		150	5	1	29	275		40	1400	10	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	390	250	25	1	26	11	335	8			9	2	20	180		115	750	10	Bethlehem, Pa.
W. H. Wotring	Dryland	2	700	495	45		69	22	595	5		3	15	3	30	400	1	300	1780	13	Nazareth, Pa.
George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	2	385	165	22				325				14	3	40	200		127	1000	12	Bath, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	2	270	180	22		21	18	195	6		11	7	2	52	355		350	1540	15	Bethlehem, Pa.
L. M. Kerschner	Without Charge																				Parryville, Pa.
O. P. Steckel	Grace, Easton	1	188	125	1		5	5	138	1			1	1	22	140		51	1109	7	Easton, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	Tannersville	4	353	200	26	1	22		235	1			3	4	50	230	1	38	500	7	Tannersville, Pa.
Irwin M. Bachman	East Mauch Chunk	1	171	65	13		14	13	135	2		4	4	1	20	220	1	32	2484	11	E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
E. L. Kemp	Prof. Stroud'g N. S.																				E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Thomas H. Krick	Weissport	1	230	145	14		15	26	112	3		34	4	1	22	225		52	1054	8	Weissport, Pa.
George W. Remagen	Bangor	1	204	75	17	1	11	17	165	3		40	3	1	26	227		54	856	15	Bangor, Pa.
John F. DeLong, supply	Rittersville	1	140	90	4			3	90	3			3	1		79		45	300	6	Bethlehem, Pa.
Vacant	Hamilton	2	156	90			20	4	81				2					38	400	8	
S. P. Mauger, supply	Flicksville	1	80	25	5			2	70	1			2	1	10	45		12	200	6	
*J. G. Rupp	Towamensing	3	476	261	29		13		230	4		10	11	3	34	300		52	800	20	
Vacant	Zion's, Stroud'g, Pa.	1	111				11	7	94				2	1	16	125		31	495		
†Lic. Frank H. Moyer	Siegfried's	1	42																		Philadelphia, Pa.
Lic. Thos. A. Fenstermacher																					
Lic. Theodore F. Hermann																					
Ministers, 30. Lincentiates, 2.	Charges, 33.	51	10634	5987	559	12	446	246	7866	117		334	254	65	846	7244	11	$ 5699	$35930	291	

*Received from Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, and call to Towamensing charge confirmed Sept. 1, 1896.
Ordained and installed Sept. 13, 1896. †Received Oct. 5, 1896,

T. O. STEM, Stated Clerk.

LEBANON CLASSIS, MAY 11, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Sunday School Officers and Teachers.	Students for Min.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville	4	575	325	16	6	21	2	503	7			18	4	390	83	2	$ 566 00	$ 1470	20	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1400	850	70	1	23	30	1394	25		60	37	6	700	75	2	506 00	2500	12	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without Charge																			1	Straustown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	Without Charge				2								1							1	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	Without Charge																				Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.
Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	290	125	28		34		272	2			2	3	160	30		21 23	460	8	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	825	850	83	15	82	8	660	7		5	36	5	630	96		253 00	1300	25	Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	690	318	31			12	578	6			11	5	290	31		144 00	1250	20	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1210	600	66	8	79	3	1070	23		21	43	6	467	86	1	174 00	3000	20	115 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	565	350	22	1		8	536	7		44	16	4	385	57	2	133 00	1280	30	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1033	550	44	4	78		976	20			25	6	400	75	2	733 00	1300	15	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	44	108	3		2	2	50	12		3		2	111	9		123 20	96	8	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	800	460	28	1	16		525	13		35	18	1	750	66	1	666 00	3000	15	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	765	279	33	1	49		709	10		23	20	7	300	52		66 42	1950	24	228 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St. John's, Lebanon	1	358	125	9		7	3	290	1			4	1	176	41		1018 88	3366	15	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Myerstown	1	600	115	12	2	12	6	450	8		4	6	1	390	33		217 00	2000		Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	443	300	32	7	31	20	389			14	13	1	510	42	1	405 00	2605	10	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	Bethel	4	672	305	31	3	44	3	552	6			14	4	469	88		153 00	1350	20	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
U. H. Hellman	Without Charge																				Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	439	263	17	1	22	3	344			1	9	4	301	44		170 00	701	20	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
	Belleman*	1																			
	Grace Church, Avon†	1	81	52	9	3	19	26	81				4	1	200	27		11 00	362	6	
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																				153 E. Fifty-first St., New York.
Ministers, 20. Licentiates, 1.	Charges, 17.	52	10790	5975	536	53	519	126	9379	147		210	277	61	6629	935	11	$5365 57	$27990	270	

*Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler. †Supplied by Rev. H. J. Welker.

J. E. HIESTER, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congr'tional Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
H. W. Super, D.D., LL.D.	Without charge																				Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
E. D. Shoemaker	Without charge																				1024 Oxford St., Philadelphia.
Joseph H. Hendricks	Collegeville, Pa.	3	343		2	19	12	8	317	15		1	3	3	40	480	2	$ 714	1805	25	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
James Crawford, D.D.	Christ Church, Phila.	1	200	45	6		6	8	170				6	1	13	125		970	3500	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Detrich	St. Luke's, N. Wales.	1	209	45	9	5	9	1	173	2			3	1	28	226		200	1325	10	Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Jno. H. Sechler, D.D.	First Church, Phila.	1	243	46	10	5	18	13	201	7		9	7	1	24	187	3	655	3555	16	714 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.	Pres. of Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without charge																				Montgomery Sq., Mont. Co., Pa.
David N. Dittmar	Whitemarsh	1	232	64	8	1	11	13	192	3			5	1	15	92		417	12000	12	W. Wash., Mont. Co., Pa.
Chas. H. Coon	Trinity, Philadelphia.	1	462	120	18	10	31	16	394	12		32	9	1	34	486	2	700	4242	18	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	250	77	9	6	9	13	170	3				1	31	284		432	1631	9	Norristown, Pa.
David U. Wolff	Boehm's	1	294	84	7	8	11	6	270	3			9	1	26	160	1	299	1500	15	Blue Bell, Mont. Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Ascension	1	422	153	15	3	10	12	313	6		26	4	2	47	399		1005	2387		Norristown, Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman, D.D.	Heidelberg	1	747	300	24	7	35	40	683	35		67	9	1	55	835	6	666	7522	20	1629 N. 19th St., Philadelphia.
Henry A. Bomberger	Bethany Tabernacle	1	105	40	11		2	37	94	1			2	1	14	294		105	1613	10	2345 N. 21st St., Philadelphia.
Silas L. Messinger	Pleasantville	1	255	90	6	3	10		215	5		7	4	1	20	200	2	281	1690	7	Eureka, Mont. Co., Pa.
John A. Mertz	St. Vincent	1	147	40	8	4	7	4	126				1	1	22	135		152	900	12	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	298	28	7	7	4	3	214			1	7	1	22	153	2	1454	1678	15	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
" supply	Linfield	1	70	22	1	1	1	2	46	13		5	3	1	20	119		17	600	6	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Wilson Delaney	Bethel	1	167	75	15	1	7	9	150	28		2		1	14	225	1	44	1490		1605 S. 22d St., Philadelphia.
Geo. H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	131	74	4	1	7		97	1		2	3	2	23	192		72	1010	9	Pottstown, Pa.
Chas. B. Alspach	Messiah	1	174	80	26	4	10	12	129	2		17	1	1	24	359		212	1100	10	1233 Jackson St., Philadelphia.
J. Lewis Fluck	Without charge																				Exton, Pa.
C. U. O. Derr	First Ch., Spring City	1	299	22	3	24	15	19	243			7		1	36	350		230	2650	12	Spring City, Pa.
A. S. Bromer	Grace	1	348	122	19	8	36	46	321	2		16	7	1	38	473		375	5843	15	614 Diamond St., Philadelphia.
Henry H. Apple	St. John's, Phila.	1	194	73	6	5	17	22	121	2			3	1	16	145		194	2100	14	4121 Powellton Ave., Phila.
E. F. Wiest	East Vincent	1	149	73	8	9	14	15	145	3		3	4	1	23	189		335	1021	10	Box 391, Phoenixville, Pa.
J. H. String	Calvary	1	69	14	3		1	13	59			8	1	1	19	234		35	1442	4	2734 W. Lehigh Ave., Phila.
W. A. Korn, supply	Pikeland	1	45	11	3			2	44					1	11	55		73	331	5	Exton, Pa.
Frank N. Bleiler	Brownback's	2	233	10	9	4	7	10	200				5	2	33	222		214	289	12	Slonaker, Pa.
E. W. Middleton	Tioga	1	36	11	8			14	34	2				1	10	103		52	477	7	834 N. 21st St., Philadelphia.
Emmet C. Suet	St. Matthew's	2	236	37	3	25	32	14	193	4		24	4	2	29	274		216	1088	18	Anselma, Pa.
Samuel H. Seem	St. John's, Phoenixv'e	1	163	30	7	12	22	11	135	4			3	1	20	180		75	1219	12	Phoenixville, Pa.
Geo. S. Butz	St. Mark's	1	90	50	1				42	4				1	18	107	1	4	403	8	Prospectville, Pa.
Benoni Bates	Christ Ch., Norristown	1	32																		Norristown, Pa.
Vacant	St. Paul's, Md.	1	116	60	5	1	6	2	100	1		1	1	1	18	120		40	712	8	
Vacant	St. John's, Del.	1	75	75	1				50				1	1	12	70			82	8	
Ministers, 34.	Charges, 34.	36	6834	1971	262	173	350	365	5636	158		228	105	37	755	7473	20	$ 10328	$67894	339	

JNO. H. SECHLER, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ty.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congre'tional Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.	St. Stephen's	1	86	10	2		1	4	80								$ 338	183	7	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore Appel, D.D.	Author																			Lancaster, Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	Without charge																			Millersville, Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D.D.	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	67	47	3	1	2		47			2	1	17	77		45	700	6	Harrisburg, Pa.
Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Titzel, D.D.	First Ch., Lancaster	1	485	147	5	3	18	8	366	7		10	1	38	230		400	2000	16	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			Lancaster, Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions																			Lancaster, Pa.
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	344	205	9	10	24	10	259	7		6	3	44	240	1	246	768	10	New Holland, Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard	Willow Street	3	457	148	14	17	20	6	367	7		9	3	64	431	1	444	1287	22	Lancaster, Pa.
*Frederick Pilgram	Bethany	3	234	186	4		2		158	2		6	2	22	163	1	36	668	15	Lititz, Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer	Muddy Creek	4	670	325	32	8	39	6	570	8		24	4	51	285		120	1250	8	Ephrata, Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.	Salem, Harrisburg	1	385	103	9	3	8	4	272	15		13	1	49	289		1424	2800	20	Harrisburg, Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	Fourth Ch., Harrisb'g	1	79	85	11	3	5	17	72	10	5	5	1	20	225		76	1678	10	Harrisburg, Pa.
John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Souder	New Providence	2	248	154	2	4	7	1	228	1		5	2	23	205	1	154	1147	18	New Providence, Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker	Trinity, Columbia	1	360	200	15	10	30	4	248	1	3	10	1	30	340		265	1500	12	Columbia, Pa.
William F. Lichliter	St. Luke's, Lancaster	1	236	256	37	4	23	4	133	1	4	15	1	43	480		96	803	10	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, D.D.	Missionary to Japan																			Sendai, Japan.
†George Merle Zacharias	Without charge																			Baltimore, Md.
Newton J. Miller	Disabled																			Lancaster, Pa.
David B. Schneder	Missionary to Japan																			‡Sendai, Japan.
Jairus A. Wickert	Reamstown	4	429	267	8	3	9	6	315	2		9	4	60	317		248	1011	25	Denver, Pa.
Benjamin F. Bausman	Without charge																			Millersville, Pa.
Henry H. Sangree	First Ch., Steelton	1	150	75	14		5	7	117	1	10	1	1	26	200		102	801	12	Steelton, Pa.
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's Lancaster	1	632	275	9	19	41	20	504	6	4	4	2	60	650	2	2526	5000	16	Lancaster, Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman	Second Ch., Harrisb'g	1	189	114	6		1	15	156	2	2	5	2	55	518		285	1457	22	Harrisburg, Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Pa.
Charles E. Wehler	Manheim	2	288	35	1	6	8	8	262	1		3	1	27	196	1	200	1660	12	Manheim, Pa.
B. Howard Roth	Millersville	2	297	90	7	6	10	4	229	2		5	2	37	238		194	1039	14	Millersville, Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer	Elizabethtown	1	175	45	3	1	3	6	125	1	1	2	1	21	109		168	1091	12	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Ellis S. Hay	Maytown	1	107	65	6	2	5		77	4		5	1	20	106		102	750	8	Maytown, Pa.
J. Grant Walter	Hummelstown	2	178	98	5	6	17	7	153	7	5	2	2	24	260	2	330	1300	12	Hummelstown, Pa.
Frank L. Kerr	Shoop's	3	210	50	18	6	22	5	172	2		7	3	38	385		102	687	13	Penbrook, Pa.
William Yenser	Marietta	1	143	100	3		4	5	106	5		2	1	19	141		36	600	10	Marietta, Pa.
Ministers 35.	Charges 33	41	6449	3080	219	116	304	143	5016	92	34	157	40	788	6129	9	$7937	$30180	310	

*Died July 5, 1896. †Dismissed to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, Oct. 5, 1895; received by that Classis, May 8, 1896. ‡Since the beginning of September, 1896, address is Reading, Pa.

Licentiates—Prof. John B. Kieffer, Ph.D., Ernest E. Weaver, Frederick C. Hullhorst, Henry H. Ranck.

Students for the Ministry—Robert J. Pilgram, Thaddeus G. Heim, Hermann S. Shelly, George B. Reeger, Paul Lambert Gerhard, John A. Leusinger, Daniel G. Glass, Martin W. Schweitzer.

Corrected up to meeting of Synod.

D. W. GERHARD, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS, MAY 11-15, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	No. of Congregations	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Addition. Confirmed.	Addition. Cert. or Renewal of Prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers & Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post-Office Address.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired																			Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	398	215	34		9	1	362	4	26	9	7	46	175		$203 00	$247 00	25	Mahanoy, North'd Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	337	126	16		6	18	312	13	2	7	1	36	312		301 00	1720 00	12	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	257	129	17	4	25	11	245	3	2	4	3	17	98		93 70	525 00	8	Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Simon P. Brown	Uniontown	4	450	200	24		14	1	370	3		22	4	30	343		210 00	500 00	20	Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	440	230	51		18	2	284	8	5	21	6	62	250		155 00	1174 00	18	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John A. Danner	Mt. Carmel	4	250	205	50		5	15	210	16	15	26	4	37	340		131 00	2110 00	20	Mt. Carmel, North'd Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Schlappich	Line Mountain	5	317	280	25			1	245	1		5	8	27	80		66 00	445 00	6	Line Mountain, North'd Co., Pa.
Charles B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	792	622	125	2	61	14	612	7	1	34	1	46	800	1	901 00	4000 00	25	Shamokin, North'd Co., Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	564	477	34	1	35	3	478	3		14	4	68	668	3	442 00	1180 00	17	Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel	Tower City	3	124	80	4		4	2	76	3			3	31	160		43 00	1690 00	14	Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	415	349	39	3	32	20	403	24	3	20	1	30	317		429 00	1344 00	12	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Armstrong Valley	6	242	114	33		19		143	6		6	6	59	103		67 00	306 00	15	Enders, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John W. Reinecke	Millersburg	3	400	240	17		8	2	284	6	8	7	3	35	420	1	249 00	950 00	18	Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Oliver F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	5	297	113	31		12		245	3		10	5	79	236		88 00	915 00	20	Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Harry W. Wissler	Catawissa	1	126	70	2	2	6	7	90	3	16	1	1	18	132	1	114 00	772 00	12	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Vacant	Numidia	2	240	210					235				3	23	325			270 00		
Alexander Kalassay	Mt. Carmel, Slv.	2	170	38	6		174					1							3	
Raymond E. Butz	Medical Student																			1530 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	Retired																			Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Emanuel's	1	90	40	5				65	2		2	1	10	65	1	29		4	
Vacant	St. Matthew's	1	28						16	2			1				6 00	89 00	2	
Vacant	Salem's	1	16	20			1		16				1					62 00	2	
Lic. L. M. Fetterolf																				Mainville, Columbia Co., Pa.
Lic. J. W. Buck																				Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
J. H. Schlappich, supply	St. John's	1	24	20	1				6				1				4 00	8 50		
O. F. Schaeffer, supply	St. Michael's	1	35	10	3		8		30			1	1	15	35		5 32	100 00	5	
N. W. Sechler, supply	St. James'	1	45	20	1			19	24			2	1	6	40			15 00	4	
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 18.	62	6058	3755	544	12	437	116	4751	103	78	193	65	679	5049	7	$3594 02	$18622 50	266	

Received—Licentiate Alexander Kalassay from Sarospatak, Hungary, November 5, 1895.
Received—Licentiate Harry W. Wissler from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod, December 19, 1895.
Licensed—L. M. Fetterolf and J. W. Buck, on May 15th, 1896.

J. C. LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. October 7, 1896.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students of Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregs'onal Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel M. Wolf, D.D.	Prin. Penn. Hall Acad.																				Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser	Without charge																				White Deer, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	437	387	38		23	2	417				17	6	37	416		$325 00	$1150 00	15	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	5	596	246	31	1	21	4	449	4			15	5	45	411		351 00	1316 00	40	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
John Dotterer	Temporally disabled																				Lamar, Clinton Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	435	276	22		25	20	401	15			14	4	45	216		476 00	950 00	26	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Centre Hall	4	347	174	5			4	327	7			2	4	53	273	3	309 00	2709 00	20	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	5	404	220	31		20	8	370	4			8	3	39	220		167 00	825 00	10	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Aaronsburg	5	300	224	22		11	12	284	1			8	5	67	349		1339 00	2539 00	28	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	3	492	253	13	2	10	9	422	4			10	3	45	318	1	465 00	3915 00	24	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	275	150	12	5	12	5	212	3		6	4	2	35	270		150 00	2400 00	12	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Marion L. Firor	Williamsport	1	257	111	7	1	12	19	220	4			7	1	24	213		212 00	1214 00	24	711 Packet St., Williamsport, Pa.
James R. Bergey	White Deer	3	376	293	28	4	23	16	351	2			6	3	41	272	1	404 00	857 00	25	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Bellefonte	2	286	95	6		13	4	254	6		5	2	2	27	253		340 00	1319 00	16	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Howard H. Spahn	Liverpool	7	338	180	49	27	43	3	309				10	7	95	334		141 00	701 00	14	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Zwingli A. Yearick	Lewisburg	1	256	83		1	11	9	180	4		14	2	1	23	179		263 00	945 00	15	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
*Moses N. George	Rebersburg	5	352	134	21		8	2	290	2			7	5	48	309		269 00	898 00	24	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Vacant	Nittany Valley	5	273	175	17		21	3	224	2			11	5	36	161		215 00	899 00	25	
Bergey, supply	Montgomery Cong.	1	17	3		2	1	5	15					1	11	50			700 00		West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
Ministers, 16.	Charges, 15.	59	5441	3004	302	43	264	125	4773	58		25	123	57	666	4254	5	$5395 00	$22870 00	318	

*Received June 18th, 1896.

WILLIAM A. HAAS, Stated Clerk.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS, May 25th, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmation.	Additions. Certificate or Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students of Min'ly	Contributions. Benevolence.	Contributions. Congre'tional Purposes.	Minutes.	Post Office Address.
Clemen Z. Weiser, D.D.	Without charge																				East Greenville, Pa.
L. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	775	650	61	1	32	13	667	12			30	2	67	778	1	$475 00	$3283 00	20	Pottstown, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant	Without charge																				Pennsburg, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	530	230	22	10	24	2	456	6			20	2	30	309	1	244 00	1100 00	14	Skippack, Pa.
Eli Keller, D.D.	Zionsville	4	850	530	63	1	15	2	719	16			29	4	58	456		312 00	1859 00	25	Zionsville, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	800	425	44		33		641	3			21	4	30	245		342 00	1180 00	16	Oley, Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	404	250	19		13	24	312	3		4	7	1	35	250		187 00	1154 00	10	Pottstown, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	2	578	319	31		18	17	428	9			13	6	37	210		287 00	1681 00	17	Boyertown, Pa.
L. D. Leberman	Without charge																				Gr'd Ave.& 7th St., Phila.
J. Lucian Roush	Old Goshenhoppen	4	853	425	22	1	8	4	655	8			27	5	130	700	4	772 00	1570 00	22	Pennsburg, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Royersford	1	129	62	10	3	7	10	70	4		7	1	1	24	180		61 00	717 00	8	Royersford, Pa.
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	3	517	283	23			7	503	9		23	17	8	64	315		344 00	1560 00	30	Boyertown, Pa.
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	762	300	33	1	17	15	654	5			19	1	37	403		567 00	1777 00	14	East Greenville, Pa.
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	449	130	15	1	16	2	280	3		4	12	2	43	249		265 00	1053 00	18	Schwenksville, Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach	Gr'd Swamp, Ches. Hill	2	515	235	19		18	4	468	3			11	2	55	360	1	432 00	1250 00	18	Spinnerstown, Pa.
William G. Engle	Without charge																				Williamsport, Pa.
Vacant	Hill	2	335																		Hill Church, Pa.
J. Abner Hunsicker	Licentiate																				Schwenksville, Pa.
H. Alexander Welker	Licentiate																				Red Hill, Pa.
*William H. Erb	Licentiate																				Pennsburg, Pa.
†Jacob G. Rupp	Licentiate																				Vera Cruz, Pa.
Ministers, 16; Licentiates, 4.	Charges, 13.	29	7497	3839	362	18	201	90	5853	81		38	207	38	610	4455	7	$4288 00	$18184 00	212	

*Dismissed to Lehigh Classis, at annual meeting, May 14, 1896.
†Dismissed to East Pennsylvania Classis, at special meeting, Aug. 18, 1896.

C. S. WIEAND, Stated Clerk.

TOHICKON CLASSIS, May 18, 1896.

Ministry.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions Confirmed.	Additions Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'ty.	Contributions. Benevole't Purposes.	Contributions. Congre'tional Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
David Rothtrock	Without charge																				
Levi C. Shelp	Doylestown	1	170	115	11	2	5	6	138	2		5	1	1	22	140		$ 145	$ 650	10	Doylestown, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	778	392	35		19	2	696	14			23	4	45	475	2	399	1501	20	Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	103	50	6			3	64			4	2	1	16	70		39	150	8	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	561	350	15	5	14	9	424	5		5	15	2	39	325	1	457	1550	20	Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	410	150	9	1	21	18	370	4			2	3	67	475	1	219	1488	18	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Lower Saucon	4	580	335	27		21	12	462	3		6	14	5	67	445		394	1486	20	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seiple	Hilltown	2	398	240	10	8	13		396	13			7	3	20	180	2	248	900	10	Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	291	178	6	2	9		225	2			2	1	28	305		2587	2114	12	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothtrock	Lansdale	1	275	62	12	13	24	14	245	7		9	1	1	23	275		163	1236	9	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	780	414	42			15	635	8			24	6	22	325		202	1531	20	Coopersburg, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	4	575	280	20		10	2	467	1			13	5	25	175		169	960	49	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	319	155	19	7	30	3	290	2			8	3	26	200		85	960	14	Frenchtown, N. J.
Chas. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	648	375	23	6	27	8	505			5	13	5	30	290		201	1640	15	Ferndale, Bucks Co., Pa.
David Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	493	284	35	1	35	38	350	9		22	5	2	53	290		448	3535	12	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbauersville	3	560	350	26	1	1	12	487	8			21	3	39	185		132	1380	18	Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, supply	Leidy's and Souderton	2	225	120	9	12	24	13	210	2			6	1	25	150		131	675	18	Quakertown, Pa.
John Naille	Without charge																				Hatfield, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without charge							5	165	3		4	7	1	32	210		110	2100	10	Bath, Pa.
W. H. Mader	South Easton	1	305	199	10		25		400					3	30	280	1	190	1200	17	South Easton, Pa.
Vacant	Durham	3	565	340	10																
*J. M. S. Eisenberg, Lic.																					
Ministers, 19.	Charges, 16.	39	8031	4389	325	58	278	160	6539	80		60	164	50	612	4795	7	$ 6319	$ 25056	290	

*On July 2, 1896, a call to Lic. Eisenberg from the Durham charge was confirmed.

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

LEHIGH CLASSIS. May 18, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'ty.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congre'tional Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	319	120	24		25			3			20	4				$ 77 00	$ 1000 00	20	Maxatawny, Pa.
Wm. R. Hofford, D.D.	Egypt	4	1160	560	70		65	10	960	13			34	10		745	2	664 00	1850 00	20	Allentown, Pa.
Abraham Bartholomew	Disabled																				Lehighton, Pa.
E. J. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	925	500	45		51		864	15			51	7	176	400	1	415 00	1400 00	20	Fogelsville, Pa.
S. G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's, Allentown.	1	699	256	18		26	18	526	4			13	1	71	495		1589 00	4700 00	25	Allentown, Pa.
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.	Disabled																				Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss	Lenhartsville	4	600	300	47		16		495	3			22	9	30	275		95 00	1500 00	16	Lenhartsville, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	Disabled																				Allentown, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Supt. Pub. Instr. Pa.																				Lancaster, Pa.
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	700	500	90		37		590				33	8		575	2	180 00	1600 00	20	Lynnport, Pa.
N. W. Helffrich	Ziegel's	5	900	700	61		51	1	850	65			67	8			7	510 00	4000 00	6	Allentown, Pa.
M. H. Dieffenderfer	Christ, Allentown	1	254	143	36		11	10	205	4		5	6	1	29	283		99 00	617 00	18	Allentown, Pa.
N. F. Peters	Slatington	1	590	330	52		28	29	410	6		10	11	1	32	461		200 00	3100 00	20	Slatington, Pa.
J. C. J. Kurtz	Without charge																				Reading, Pa.
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's, Lehighton, Pa.	1	600	300	28		17	7	379	14			10	1	34	350	1	104 00	1119 00	20	Lehighton, Pa.
H. D. Kurtz	Without charge																				Rochester, N. Y.
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. & M. College.																				Lancaster, Pa.
M. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	3	525	200	30		17		393	2			34	3		600	1	401 00	1400 00	36	Fleetwood, Pa.
Tobias Kessler	Without charge																				Allentown, Pa.
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's, Allentown	1	1133	677	88	3	99	73	1027	8		293	53	2	61	1335	2	823 00	5638 00	25	Allentown, Pa.
T. J. Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	835	580	47	3	34	44	651	18		14	23	1	42	770		1015 00	3154 00	20	Allentown, Pa.
W. W. Deutrick	Prof. Normal School																				Kutztown, Pa.
Chas. E. Schaeffer	Emaus	2	510	310	38	1	22	14	389	6		8	15	2	56	672		252 00	2100 00	20	Macungie, Pa.
J. W. Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown Col.																				Allentown, Pa.
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	787	375	28		31	11	690				14	6	72	411		186 00	1870 00	64	Kutztown, Pa.
Thos. N. Reber	Mahoning	3	525	380	14		26	1	341				10	5			2	107 00	475 00	16	Andreas, Pa.
Wm. J. Hinkle	Trinity, Allentown	1	120	65	15		7	29	70			19	1	1	21	247		33 00	616 00	6	Allentown, Pa.
R. S. Apple, supply	Grimesville Cong.	1	185	100	9		17		158				4	3	25	158		13 00	218 00	3	Hamburg, Pa.
R. S. Apple, supply	Lenhartsville Cong.	1	80	55	2		9		73				2	2	18	75		11 00	140 00	4	
Thos. N. Reber, supply	West Penn	2	400	275	20		58		353				15	4				32 00	200 00	12	
(1) Vacant	Summit Hill	2	231	115	26		17	14	100			6	4	2	38	205		55 00	3895 00	12	
N. W. Helffrich, supply	"																				
E. J. Fogel, D.D., supply	Frieden's	1	200	150	5				125	4			3	1				53 00	200 00		
N. F. Peters, supply	"																				
Chas. E. Schaeffer, supply	Macungie	2	440	260	23				356	3			13	4	30	500		178 00	1765 00	22	
M. H. Brensinger, supply	"																				
C. E. Schaeffer, supply	St. Mark's, Ameyville.	1	176	100	6		13	5	85				4	1	10	110	1	35 00	267 00	7	
*Vacant	St. John's, Kutztown.	1																			
Vacant	St. Peter's (Last r'pt)	1	100	75										1							
Ministers, 27.	Charges, 26.	56	12994	7486	822	7	675	259	10090	168		355	464	89	745	8637	18	$7305 00	$42903 00	431	

(1) William H. Erb, Lic., Summit Hill, Pa.; J. P. Bachman, Lic., Lynnville, Pa.
(2) Franklin H. Moyer, Lic., Ringer's, Pa.; J. N. Wagonhurst, Lic., Alburtis, Pa.
(1) Ordained and installed pastor of Summitt Hill charge June 26th, 1896.
*The Licentiate, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, was received from Lebanon Classis and his name enrolled Oct. 1st, 1896, and ordained and installed pastor of St. John's Reformed congregation, of Kutztown, Pa., Oct. 4, 1896.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS, April 20, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates of Renewal.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry	Contribu'ons. Benevolent Purposes.	Contribu'ons. Congre'tional Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
H. A. Keyser, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	880	770	84	1	50	17	800	10		15	15	1	69	775	1	$ 602	$ 2000	12	Mahanoy City, Pa.
H. Leisse	Bethany	3	447	195	37	1	39		305	6			10	3	24	210		118	500	12	Orwigsburg, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew	Trinity, Pottsville	1	535	350	48	2	26	19	336	2		29	16	1	42	570		607	3000	16	Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	285	170	22		23	7	220	7			4	1	20	200	1	150	975	10	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	710	370	41		27	14	600	5			10	5	40	615		559	2140	20	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's, Sch'l Haven	1	353	175	16	1	14	7	280	13		4	4	1	35	275		538	1500	10	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	295	220	23	1	23	20	270	1			6	2	61	280	1	55	1625	11	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	245	150	55		27	13	215	5			3	1	38	250		75	1370	8	Cressona, Pa.
T. J. Bower	St. Clair	3	226	186	27	4	24	11	181	3		24	7	3	33	395		61	1321	14	Frackville, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Tremont	3	319	224	29		21	2	245	12		5	7	3	37	208		82	683	12	Tremont, Pa.
Robert O'Boyle	Trinity, Shenandoah	1	375	300	27		12	3	280	3			5	1	18	300		150	1292	10	Shenandoah, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	1st Church, Pottsville	1	270	150	16		12	17	180				5	1	25	220		101	1874	11	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	Emanuel's	1	115	65	8		7		90	1			2	1	21	85		68	850	6	Minersville, Pa.
Edward S. Bromer	Orwigsburg	2	288	105	18	2	23	5	251	2			1	2	34	308		175	1805	14	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Elmer S. Noll	Pinegrove	2	440	390	40	2	29	19	306			2	7	2	48	425		164	1011	8	Pinegrove, Pa.
(a) I. F. Wagner	Without charge																				Mahanoy City, Pa.
(b) Geo. W. Gerhard	Port Clinton	1	50	60	6				40				2	1		85		5	200		Hamburg, Pa.
(b) J. J. Fisher	St. Peter's	1	38	35	3				34				2	2	12	150		9	90		
" "	Tuscarora	1	41	28	5				39				1	1	10	38		10	130		
" "	Christ's	1	177	165	19	1	14		145	3			4	3	22	160		14	160		
(b) T. J. Bower	St. James'	1	35	25	1				27												
Ministers, 16.	Charges, 15.	32	6124	4133	525	15	371	154	4844	73		79	121	35	589	5549	3	$ 3543	$ 22526	174	

(a) Assisted T. J. Bower; (b) Supply.

W. J. MUIR, Stated Clerk.

WYOMING CLASSIS. May 6, 1896.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptism Addition: Infants.	Baptism Addition: Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'ty	Contribu'n: Benevolent Purposes.	Contribu'n: Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Alfred Houtz	Orangeville	4	329	116	14	2	11	1	270	10		17	4	4	51	245		$224	$ 775	8	Orangeville, Columbia Co.
A. M. Masonheimer	Weatherly	3	515	275	68		41	10	360	3		12	16	3	25	520		220	2000	16	Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.
Daniel E. Schoedler	Paradise	3	466	413	18	2	20	13	360	25		2	12	3	45	312	2	439	1150	24	Turbotville, North'd Co., Pa.
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	329	132	7	3	16	9	265	8		12	9	2	35	305	1	345	1490	14	Watsontown, North'd Co., Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Conyngham	4	845	480	48	2	34	6	662	15			22	4	38	320	1	592	1100	8	Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa.
George W. Kershner	Christ Ch., Fayette, N. Y	1	100	21	6	1	1	1	56			10	3	1	8	78		42	750	5	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
David W. Ebbert	Milton	1	400	155	9	4	20	8	318	14		12	9	1	34	278		325	3773	15	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	122	110	19		10	2	92				6	1	15	94		78	740	6	Plymouth, Luz. Co., Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Freeland	2	513	454	64	2	35	52	405	24		9	20	2	40	426	1	367	1836	19	Freeland, Luz. Co., Pa.
*W. H. Stubblebine	Scranton	1	94	65	7	3	13	24	82	1		8	3	1	8	40		41	2718	9	Scranton, Pa., 738 Mad. Ave.
C. H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	212	104	5	3	6	14	168	9			3	1	27	186	1	302	1289	8	Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	155	141	23		8	9	122	2		5	2	1	20	90		137	1075	12	Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa.
S. C. Meckel	St. Luke	1	44	25	14				38	3		2	1	1	8	29		20	1000	5	Wilkes-Barre, N. Luz. Co., Pa.
Cosmos H. Herbst	West Hazleton	1	140	115	51		22	20	100	7		6	12	1	36	210	1	60	2100	10	West Hazleton, Luz. Co., Pa.
William D. Happel	Wilkes-Barre	1	325	250	31	1	21	50	203	7		81	4	1	30	200		156	1783	15	Wilkes-Barre, Luz. Co., Pa.
Sefellen E. Stofflet	Hazleton, (Emanuel)	1	265	130	17	1	33	42	220	4		6	5	1	23	342	1	335	2306	10	Hazleton, Luz. Co., Pa.
Elias S. Noll	Overton	2	180	80	10	6	32	1	143	2			2	2	24	95		44	1191	6	Overton, Sullivan Co., Pa.
W. H. Loose	Mansdale	2	204	75	13	4	19	5	188			17	3	2	35	195		171	1080	10	Danville, Pa.
Amandus H. Herbst	Wapwallopen	6	416	300	20		12	5	328	8		38	8	6	95	445		85	2124	34	Wapwallopen, Luz. Co., Pa.
Vacant	†Danville	1	316	157	5	1	5	1	202	14			2	1	26	205	1	378	1255	18	Danville, Pa.
Vacant	Emanuel	2	242	109	6		1		191	14			7	2	19	144		52	293	12	Strawberry-ridge, Pa.
Vacant	Stockton (St. John's)	1	80	30	4				30					1		50			160	4	Stockton, Pa.
Vacant	‡Hazleton (Grace)	1	300	250	50	2	22		200				20	1	36	210		50	1500	10	Hazleton, Pa.
Alfred Houtz, supply	Brier Creek	1	40	15	3				33	1		3						27	65	2	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Without Charge																				Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa.
T. A. Huber, supply	Stockton																				Hazleton, Pa.
Lice. E. C. Musselman																					Overton, Sullivan Co., Pa.
21.		44	6632	4002	512	37	382	273	5632	71		240	173	43	678	5014	9	$4490	$32553	280	

*Dismissed to North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod, Sept. 21st, 1896.
†Has called Rev. William E. Bushong.
‡Has called Rev. H. F. Witzel.

READING CLASSIS, April 20th, 1896.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'ty	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congre'tional Purposes.		
*Aaron S. Leinbach, D.D.																					Reading, Pa.
Benjamin Bausman, D.D.	St. Paul's Mem. Read.	1	735	300	21	2	18	19	612	9			11	1	57	483		$$ 4636	$ 5614	13	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
Henry Mosser, D.D.	First Reformed, "	1	1150	800	43	3	50	15	910	14			34	1	109	763		1654	3511	16	Reading, Pa.
John W. Steinmetz	St. John's, "	1	510	385	36	4	30	11	364				21	1	50	400		270	2200	14	" "
Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.	St. Stephen's, "	1	600	350	25	4	40	21	481	11		20	3	1	50	650	1	400	2216	8	" "
H. K. Binkley	Without charge																				" "
Henry G. Stoner	St. Mark's, Reading.	1	339	240	39	3	23	24	276	3			3	1	71	565		177	1633	8	" "
James I. Good, D.D.	Calvary, "	1	269	146	8	7	32	22	257	4			3	1	34	560	1	325	3043	12	" "
Stanley L. Krebs	St. Andrew's, "	1	472	400	21			58	392	9		20	8	1	60	650		500	5200	9	" "
Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.	Second Ref'd, "	1	645	302	11	2	31	28	596	3		15	8	1	54	400	3	8610	4200	18	" "
John Phil. Stein	St. Thomas, "	1	230	112	112	1	25	15	180	7		10	9	1	28	325		45	1250	10	851 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.
Henry K. Miller	Missionary																				Japan.
Fred. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James.	2	220	110	15	2	21	11	192	4		18	2		45	460		57	1600	12	Reading, Pa.
George W. Gerhard	St. John's, Hamburg.	1	325	200	37		12	4	300	4			5	1	14	225		184	1900	7	Hamburg, Pa.
George E. Addams	Without charge																				Reading, Pa.
Daniel W. Albright	Olivet, Reading	1	87	40	5	1	3	8	84	3		2		1	27	175		78	682	7	" "
David P. Lefever	Without charge																				" "
Tilghman R. Dietz	Leesport charge	4	469	184	5			1	388				5	3	23	220		120	939		Leesport, Pa.
James R. Brown	Schwartzwald charge.	1	600	350	8	1	48		525				20	8	45	650			700	7	Stonersville, Berks Co., Pa.
Vacant	†Alsace	4	1190	400	50	4	23		1100				6	4	40	300		16	300	5	
Ministers, 18.	Charges, 18.	23	7941	4319	366	34	358	237	6657	71		55	138	26	707	6826	5	$ 17074	$ 34991	158	

*Deceased. †Spiesz, Hinnershitz and Shulter's.

F. B. HAHN, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1896.

CLASSES.	Classes.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregat'ns.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'ms Additions				Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School S'holars.	Students for Min'ry	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
East Pennsylvania		32	51	10634	5957	559	12	446	246	7816	117		334	254	65	846	7244	11	$ 5619	$5590	291
Lebanon		21	52	10780	5975	536	53	519	126	9379	147		210	277	61	894	6453	11	5366	27990	270
Philadelphia		34	36	6834	1971	262	173	350	365	5636	158		228	105	37	755	7473	20	10328	6789	339
Lancaster		45	41	6449	3080	219	116	304	143	5016	92		34	157	40	788	6129	9	7939	30180	310
East Susquehanna		21	62	6058	3755	544	12	437	116	4751	103		78	193	65	679	5049	7	3594	18622	266
West Susquehanna		16	59	5441	3004	302	43	264	125	4773	58		25	123	57	666	4254	5	5395	22870	318
Goshenhoppen		20	29	7497	3839	362	18	201	90	5853	81		38	207	38	610	4455	7	4288	18184	212
Tohickon		19	39	8031	4389	325	58	278	160	6539	80		60	164	50	612	4795	7	6319	25056	290
Lehigh		27	56	12994	7486	822	7	675	259	10090	168		355	464	89	745	8637	18	7305	42903	406
Schuylkill		16	32	6124	4133	525	15	371	154	4844	73		79	121	35	589	5549	3	3543	22526	160
Wyoming		23	44	6632	4002	512	37	382	273	5032	71		240	173	43	678	5014	9	4490	33553	280
Reading		18	23	7941	4319	366	34	358	273	6657	71		85	138	26	707	6826	5	17074	34991	158
Eastern Synod (Total)	12	282	524	94475	51505	5337	578	45 5	2350	73434	1219		1766	2376	606	8469	71878	112	$81340	$380669	3300
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN MILTON, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN.

The sessions began on the evening of the 20th, and continued in session until noon of the 26th, adjourning at 12 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in St. John's Reformed church, Milton, Pa., on Wednesday, October 20, A. D. 1897, at 7:30 P. M., according to adjournment.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D., of Easton, Pa., from the text, Rom. 1:16.

After the sermon, Synod was called to order by the President, who led in prayer. The Provisional Roll of Synod was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.—From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Revs.: W. H. Wotring, W. F. More, G. A. Schwedes, T. O. Stem, J. G. Rupp and Albert Lobach.[a]

Elders: Chas. F. Hartzel, Thomas Kern, Samuel Hood, C. S. Messinger,[d] O. F. Rader, and Reuben Troxel.

2.—From Lebanon Classis.

Revs.: Warren J. Johnson, L. D. Stambaugh, Thos. C. Leinbach,[2] and Wilson D. Donat.

Elders: J. L. J. Stoudt,[2-e] and John Saylor.

3.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Revs.: Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., J. B. Henry, D. U. Wolff, H. T. Spangler, D.D., and C. E. Schaeffer.

Elders: H. C. Hoover,[d] F. G. Hobson, Esq., P. Williard, J. S. Sechler, S. S. Jones,[d] and W. C. Taylor.

4.—From Lancaster Classis.

Revs.: Chas. E. Wehler,[e] E. N. Kremer, D.D., E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Richard C. Scheidt, Ph.D., Jno. M. Titzel, D.D., and Jno. G. Noss.[3]

Elders: Jno. W. Apple, Esq., Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph.D.,[d] Jno. H. Kurzenknabe, C. W. Myers, Ezra Burkholder,[d] and John Dibeler.[d]

5.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: J. Calvin Leinbach, Isaac M. Schaeffer,[e] Geo. S. Butz,[d] and Chas. B. Schnader.[2]

Elders: C. C. Leader,[2-e] J. S. Shuman, and F. P. Martz.[5]

6.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.,[e] M. L. Firor,[2] and Wm. M. Landis.

Elders: Isaac Reisch, Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, and Samuel Getgen.[d]

7.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Revs.: Geo. W. Roth,[3] Thos. H. Leinbach, and George B. Walbert.

Elders: Wm. H. Buck,[d] and Milton L. Fluck.[e]

8.—From Tohickon Classis.

Revs.: D. Scheirer, A. B. Koplin, D.D., F. J. Mohr, and C. B. Weaver.[3]

Elders: Milton J. Hess, and B. F. Fluck.

9.—From Lehigh Classis.

Revs.: Thos. J. Hacker, Geo. W. Richards,[2-d] J. A. Reber, M. H. Dieffenderfer, and Thos. N. Reber.[d]

Elders: Dr. M. S. Richards,[d] Chas. L. Hottenstein,[e] and R. H. Kramm.

10.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Revs.: Elmer S. Noll, C. E. Bartholomew, and W. J. Muir.

Elders: Daniel Shepp,[e] Justus Shearer,[3] and John J. Beck.

11.—From Wyoming Classis.

Revs.: A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D., Elias S. Noll, Wm. D. Happel,[e] D. E. Schoedler, and Geo. W. Welsh.

Elders: W. A. Smawly,[e] Thos. A. Lawall, John Caldwell,[f] and Jno. W. Balliet.

12.—From Reading Classis.

Revs.: Henry Mosser, D.D., Jno. Ph. Stein, C. S. Gerhard, D.D., and S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.

Elders: Dr. A. S. Raudenbush,[d] Dr. A. B. Dundor, and H. M. Otto.

The figures at the end of the names of the delegates indicate the session during which they took their seat. And the letters in their order indicate the session they obtained leave of absence.

Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, *secundus* from Lancaster Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. Jno. G. Noss, *primarius*, on the first and second days, and the seat of Rev. Richard C. Schiedt, Ph.D., on the fifth day to the end of the sessions.

Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, *secundus* from Wyoming Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. D. E. Schoedler on the third day until the return of the *primarius* on the fifth day in its sessions.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Lebanon Classis: Rev. Thos. M. Yundt.

Lancaster Classis: Revs. John S. Stahr, D.D., A. C. Whitmer, Glase Gerhard, and Wm. F. Lichliter.

East Susquehanna Classis: Rev. J. J. Stauffer.

West Susquehanna Classis: Revs. S. L. Whitmore, M. N. George, J. L. Barnhart, A. C. Kerlin, and Tilghman Derr.

Goshenhoppen Classis: Rev. J. E. Freeman.

Lehigh Classis: Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.

Schuylkill Classis: Rev. Robt. O. Boyle.

Wyoming Classis: Revs. Geo. S. Sorber, A. Houtz.

Reading Classis: Revs. Dr. Jas. I. Good and Rufus W. Miller.

Pittsburgh Synod: Revs. C. R. Fenner, A. M. Schmidt.

Potomac Synod: Revs. J. C. Bowman, D.D., C. Cort, D.D., S. S. Miller, S. N. Callender, D.D., Lic. Chas. A. Bushong.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence was announced, from time to time, of Rev. M. H. Havice, of Christ Lutheran church; Rev. J. M. Riemensnyder, of Trinity Lutheran church; Rev. W. J. L. Kieffer, of Presbyterian church; Rev. W. F. Ferguson, of Methodist Episcopal church; Rev. J. W. Messinger, of United Evangelical church; Rev. M. H. Jones, of United Brethren church, pastors residing in Milton, Pa.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of Synod for the current Synodical Year:

Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., *President*, Reading, Pa.

Rev. John Ph. Stein, *Stated Clerk*, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Warren J. Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary*, Lebanon, Pa.

Rev. David U. Wolff, *Reading Clerk*, Blue Bell, Pa.

Elder John J. Nissley, *Treasurer*, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Agreeably to the Rules of Order, the President defined the *Bar of the House* to include the first ten rows of pews from the pulpit.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 A. M., and to close at 4:30 P. M.; with a recess from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Minutes of Synod: Revs. J. H. Sechler, D.D., R. L. Gerhart, C. E. Schaeffer, Elders J. H. Kurzenknabe, Isaac Reish.

Overtures: Revs. T. O. Stem, G. S. Butz, G. A. Schwedes, Elders A. S. Raudenbush, M.D., John Dibeler.

Religious Service: Revs. D. W. Ebbert, H. T. Spangler, D.D., W. D. Donat, Elders F. W. Vandersloot, J. S. Shuman.

Minutes of Classes: John Ph. Stein, W. A. Wotring, J. Stewart Hartman, A. B. Dundor, M.D., and Hon. M. J. Hess.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination: Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Warren J. Johnson, W. J. Muir, Elders Daniel Shepp, F. G. Hobson, Esq.

Religion and Morals: Revs. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., D. E. Schoedler, Elders J. A. Caldwell, W. H. Buck.

Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College: Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., J. Calvin Leinbach, I. N. Schaeffer, Elders M. S. Richards, Charles L. Hottenstein.

Missions: Revs. J. Alvin Reber, J. B. Kershner, Chas. E. Wehler, Elders John W. Apple, Esq., Samuel Getgen.

Finance: Revs. Geo. A. Schwedes, G. W. Roth, Wm. M. Landis, Elders H. M. Otto, John W. Balliet.

Nominations: Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., F. J. Mohr, J. G. Rupp, Elders Chas. F. Herzell, H. C. Hoover.

Publication: Revs. A. B. Koplin, D.D., G. B. Walbert, M. K. Dieffenderfer, Elders Prof. J. B. Keiffer, J. S. Sechler.

Orphan Home: Revs. J. B. Henry, Thos. N. Reber, Elmer S. Noll, Elders W. T. Taylor, Thos. Kern.

Sunday-school: Revs. T. J. Hacker, A. Masonheimer, W. D. Happel, C. E. Bartholomew, Elders B. F. Fluck, Samuel Hood.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming, and Reading, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination; except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the report of the Secre-

tary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and a communication from the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, were received and read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further attention. The item having reference to vacancies occurring on the Board of Missions, as noticed in the foregoing report, was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the Board of Education and of its Treasurer, and the annual report of Franklin and Marshall College, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and the annual report of its Treasurer, were read and referred to the Standing Commitee on Missions for further attention. ring to vacancies in the Board, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

6. The annual report of the Board of Publication was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. The item referring to vacancies on the Board was referred to Standing Committee on Nominations.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The "Acts and Proceedings" of the Synod at Bethlehem, Pa., as printed, were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report such items of business as may claim the present consideration of this body. During the session of Friday forenoon the committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Minutes were referred for examination, beg leave to submit the following items claiming further consideration, namely:

Item 1, page 52. The committee appointed to assist the

Field Secretary in carrying forward the work of Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, has its special attention called to its special work and is urged to speedy action.

Item 2, page 72. The term of Rev. Thos. C. Leinbach as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, expires January 1, 1897.

Item 3, page 86. The term of Elder C. C. Leader as a member of the Sunday-school Board, expired October 1, 1897.

Item 4, page 97. The Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 3,800 copies of Minutes of Synod.

Item 5, page 102. The Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare an outline report of Minutes of Synod (District and General) for the use of the Committees on such Minutes; to prepare as far as possible for the use of the Committee on the State of the Church, a brief biographical sketch of such ministers of Synod, that died during the year; and to prepare for the use of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, a tabulated statement of such items in the Classical Minutes requiring the notice of Synod.

Item 6, page 103. A committee was appointed to secure a complete file of the Minutes of Conventions and of Synods, to prepare for publication all early documents, and to take such steps as may tend to revive the Historical Society of the Reformed Church.

Item 7, page 100. Corresponding Secretary requested to forward to every pastor of Synod copy of action urging lifting of collections for Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

Item 8, page 109. Synod commends the movement for purchase of Allentown College for Women to the Classes, and urges their co-operation.

Item 9, page 109. Synod appointed a committee of one from each Classis to secure funds in such manner as it may deem expedient for the purchase of Allentown College for Women.

Item 10, page 109. Synod conditionally accepts the offer of the Allentown College for Women.

Item 11, page 109. Board of Trustees of Synod instructed to confer with Board of Trustees of College for Women at Allentown.

Item 12, page 112. The Stated Clerk was instructed to

send a copy of Synod's action in regard to Wichita University to Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods and to the Board of Trustees of the aforesaid institution.

Item 13, page 114. The officers of Synod were instructed to secure for publication the papers prepared and read in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial exercises of Synod.

Item 14, page 116. Synod adjourned to meet in next annual sessions October 20, A. D. 1897, at 7:30 P. M., in St. John's Reformed church, Milton, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, J. H. KURZENKNABE,
R. LEIGHTON GERHART, ISAAC REISH.
C. E. SCHAEFFER,

On item 1, see Article XIII., College and Theological Seminary; items 2 and 3 were referred to Standing Committee on Nominations; item 4, see Article XIX., Publication; items 5, 6, 12 and 14 attended to; item 7, see Article XXI., Church Government; items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13, see Article XXII., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on, item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed into our hands, and which claim the attention of Synod, to wit:

1. Overture in behalf of the Trustees of Allentown College for Women.

2. Annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

3. Annual report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Synod.

4. Overture from Franklin and Marshall College in reference to the erection of the central section of the contemplated Science Building.

5. Resignation of Rev. C. H. Brandt as a member of Synod's committee to raise funds for the purchase of the Allentown College for Women.

6. Memoir of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

7. A communication from the Sunday-school Board, containing certain facts pertaining to the condition and progress of the general Sunday-school work.

8. Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

9. Annual report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

10. A communication from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., President of Calvin College.

11. A communication from the Publishing Committee of *Reformed Church Tidings.*

12. Report of Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of the Board of Wichita University.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM,
G. A. SCHWEDES,
G. S. BUTZ.

The action of the Synod on the report is as follows: On item 1, see Article XV., Finance; on item 2, see Article XX., Orphans' Home; on item 3, the Stated Clerk was instructed to have the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society, just read, published with the Minutes of this Synod under the same cover; on item 4, see Article XIII., College and Theological Seminary; on item 5, Synod accepted the resignation of Rev. Chas. H. Brandt, as a member of the committee to raise funds for the purchase of the Allentown College for Women, and appointed Rev. S. E. Stofflet to fill the vacancy; on item 6, the memoir was received and ordered to be placed in the Synod's Archives; on item 7, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; on item 8, see Article XIII., College and Theological Seminary; on item 9, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., C. E. Schaeffer, and Elder J. H. Kurzenknabe, see Article XX., Orphans' Home and Benevolent Institutions; on item 10, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Chas. B. Schneder, Thos. C. Leinbach and Elder C. C. Leader, see Article XXII., Miscellaneous; on item 11, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 12, see Article XXII.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service.

The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services would report the following appointments for services:

Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Subject, General Education. Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq., presiding. Religious services led by Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and J. S. Hartman. Speakers: Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D.D., Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger. Addresses limited to 15 minutes.

Friday Evening, 7:30. Foreign Missions, Elder Prof. J. B. Kieffer presiding. Religious services led by Rev. W. H. Wotring and Rev. W. F. More. Adresses, by Rev. J. I. Good, D.D., Pres. B. F. M. and Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D. Orphans' Home, Rev. T. M. Yundt.

Saturday, 4 P. M. Preparatory service. Liturgical service, Rev. L. D. Stambaugh, Rev. W. D. Happel. Address, Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Home Missions, Elder John W. Appel, Esq., presiding. Religious services led by Rev. G. W. Welsh, Rev. T. J. Hacker. Address, The Imperative Need of a large Church-building Fund, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. G. W. Richards. Ministerial Relief, Rev. S. S. Miller.

Sunday, 9:15 A. M. Synodical Communion, Rev. H. Mosser, D.D., presiding. Service led by Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D., and F. J. Mohr.

10:30 A. M. Sermon by E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D. Devotional services, led by Rev. A. M. Masonheimer and T. O. Stem.

Sunday-school, 2 P. M. Addesses by Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, Elder J. W. Apple, Elder Kurzenknabe.

C. Endeavor, 6:15 P. M. Addresses by W. H. Wotring, Rev. G. W. Richards.

7:30 P. M. Elder C. W. Myers to preside. Devotional service, led by Rev. E. Freeman and David Sheirer. Addresses, by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Sunday-school; Rev. C.

E. Wehler, Sunday-school; Elder F. G. Hobron, Esq., Christian Endeavor; Rev. G. A. Schwedes, B. of A. and P.

Other Churches.

Presbyterian Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D. 7:30 P. M., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D.D. 7:30 P. M., Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D. 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Baptist Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D. 7:30 P. M., Rev. G. W. Welsh.

Christ Lutheran Church.—10:30 A. M., Rev. G. W. Walbert. 7:30 P. M., Rev. T. J. Hacker.

United Brethren Church.—10:30 A. M., W. D. Happel. 7:30 P. M., L. D. Stambaugh.

Y. M. C. A.—3:45 P. M., W. J. Johnson.

Paradise Reformed Church.—2:30 P. M., Rev. T. O. Stem.

McEwensville Reformed Church.—2:30 P. M., Rev. D. U. Wolff.

Strawberry Ridge Reformed Church.—Rev. Elias S. Noll.

White Deer Charge.—Rev. J. G. Rupp, Rev. I. M. Schaeffer.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session on Friday afternoon. It was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report the following items, claiming your attention:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis fails to state in its minutes, whether the candidates licensed, attested their adherence to the Church

in its doctrine and discipline by signing the constitutional formula. (See p. 7.)

2. Philadelphia Classis cancels the division made in the columns for deaths of communicants and unconfirmed, as found in the statistical table, and reports all deaths in one column. (See statistical table.)

3. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to give the required time in its notice in issuing the call for one of its special meetings. (See p. 7.)

4. Wyoming Classis at a special meeting amended a call that in form was declared irregular, and confirmed the same, without receiving the ratification of the charge by which the call was made, p. 13.

5. Wyoming Classis gives a date in its minutes in regard to the time of holding its next annual meeting, which is different from that furnished by the Stated Clerk in the schedule. (See p. 102.)

II.—Requests.

6. Schuylkill Classis asks Synod to be excused for not assuming the full amount of the apportionment, deplores the necessity, and gives reason for its action, p. 13.

7. Schuylkill Classis sincerely petitions the Reverend Synod to remit its arrearages for the past year, since all charges have paid in full, save two, which plead inability, p. 32.

III.—Subjects Referred.

The Classes took favorable action on the recommendations of Synod, with the following exceptions:

8. East Pennsylvania Classis declines to accept the apportionments for Church-building Fund; for current expenses of Theological Seminary, and for interest for Professor's Houses; it accepts only $1,600 of the $2,383, the amount apportioned for Home Missions, out of which its Treasurer is to pay $572.50, being the amount appropriated for the use of Zion's Mission, Stroudsburg, Pa.; and also accepted only $1,000 of the $1,454, the amount apportioned for Foreign Missions. (See pages 42 and 43, under items 7 and 8.)

9. Lebanon Classis accepts only two-thirds of the Synodical apportionment, with the exception of the amounts apportioned for Contigent Fund. (See page 31.)

10. East Susquehanna Classis, on account of the vast

amount of mission work claiming attention within its bounds, accepts only $1,000 of Synod's apportionment (of $1,593) for Home Missions; and $800 (of $950), the amount apportioned for Foreign Missions. (See page 9.)

11. West Susquehanna Classis declines to accept the apportionment of $155, for German Missions. (See page 41.)

12. Goshenhoppen Classis expresses its regrets that it cannot comply with the request to make up its arrearages; it accepts only $1,500 of the $2,134 apportioned by Synod for Home Missions and regrets that in view of its experience with the German brethren in the past, it cannot see its way clear to accept the apportionment of $203 for German Mission work. (See page 16.)

13. Wyoming Classis declines to assume the apportionment for interest on Professor's Houses; also the apportionment for Church-building, and reiterates its action of last year; and accepts only $850 of Synod's apportionment of $1,548, for Home Missions and only $500 of the $905 apportioned for Foreign Missions, p. 32.

14. Schuylkill Classis does not consider itself able to assume an additional 4 cents per member for Church Building, p. 12. It accepts only $1,121 of the amount ($1,221) apportioned for Home Missions; $700 of the $734 apportioned for Foreign Missions; $100 of the $130 apportioned for Hungarian Missions; $50 of the $150 apportioned for Church Building, and $30 of the $130 apportioned for German Missions. (See p. 13.)

15. Philadelphia Classis fails to adopt, on account of its disapproval, the item on page 79 of its minutes of '96, in which Synod reiterated its action taken at Harrisburg, in 1894, that Classes be reported in arrears when their apportionments for the use of the several Boards are not paid. (Page 30, item 11.)

IV.—Appeals and Complaints.

16. Rev. James W. Mabry complains against the action of East Pennsylvania Classis in confirming the call, extended by Zion's Reformed congregation of Siegfried's Bridge, Pa., to Lic. Franklin H. Moyer, p. 2 and 3.

17. Complaint to Synod from Philadelphia Classis in name of Rev. C. Cort, D.D., against the action of Classis in adopting report of Committee on Cort. Wyoming matter, p. 41.

V.—Action on the Revised Constitution.

18. The revised constitution re-submitted by the General Synod at Dayton, Ohio, to the several Classes for approval, was acted upon with the following results:

Approved by the Classes of Lebanon, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Reading.

Rejected by the Classes of Philadelphia and Wyoming.

Tie-vote by East Pennsylvania Classis. (See page 39.)

VI.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

19. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed, May 20, '97, Messrs. Wm. H. Brong and G. William Royer; ordained and installed Lic. J. G. Rupp, Sept. 13, '96, as pastor of the Towamensing charge; ordained and installed Lic. Franklin H. Moyer, Oct. 30, '96, as pastor of Zion's congregation; received Rev. E. Clark Hibschman, Oct. 23, '96, from Philadelphia Classis, and installed him Nov. 4, '96, as pastor of Zion's congregation, Stroudsburg, Pa.; received Lic. Wilson S. Hartzell, July 20, '97, from Tohickon Classis, confirmed the commission from the Sunday-school Board of General Synod, and ordained him as Sunday-school missionary at West Easton, Pa.; dismissed Rev. Paul M. Spangler, March 9, '97, to Gettysburg Classis (Synod of Potomac); Lic. Theo. F. Hermann, on the same date, to Tuscarawas Classis (Synod of Ohio), and revoked the license of Thos. A. Fenstermacher; confirmed a call to Lic. Wm. H. Brong, July 20, '97, and ordained and installed him Aug. 8, '97, as pastor of the Tannersville charge; dissolved, Aug. 9, '97, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. O. Lindaman and Christ Church, Bath, Pa., and dismissed him, Oct. 19, '97, to Tohickon Classis; it also organized a new congregation at Stemton, Northampton county, Pa.

20. Lebanon Classis licensed, May 28, '97, Messrs. James Rauch Stein and Mabry L. Herbein; ordained, June 4, '97, Lic. Jas. Rauch Stein, in response to a call from consistory of Tabor Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., as an assistant to Dr. D. E. Klopp, and dismissed the same Sept. 10, '97, to Tohickon Classis; dismissed, May 28, '97, Lic. Mabry L. Herbein to Reading Classis; dissolved, Sept. 10, '97, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Albert Gonser and the Myerstown

charge, and dismissed him to East Susquehanna Classis; received, Oct. 20, '97, Rev. J. Lewis Fluck from Philadelphia Classis.

21. Philadelphia Classis licensed, May 19, '97, Messrs. John D. Hicks, Howard Herbert Long and Edwin Warner Lentz; ordained, Aug. 1, '96, Lic. Benoni Bates, Lic. A. O. Reiter, June 16, '97; Lic. J. Hunter Watts, June 29, '97; and Lic. Henry H. Hartman, July 4, '97; received, Nov. 20, '96, Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer from Lehigh Classis; Lic. A. O. Reiter, May 20, '97, from Clarion Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh); Rev. H. F. Seiple from Tohickon Classis; Lic. J. Hunter Watts from Wyoming Classis; Lic. Henry H. Hartman from Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac); Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, Sept. 27, '97, from Tohickon Classis, and Rev. Aaron Noll from Eastern Ohio Classis (Synod of Ohio); dismissed, Oct. 16, '96, Rev. E. C. Hibschman to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Geo. S. Butz to East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. E. F. Wiest to Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac); Lic. John D. Hicks, May 20, '97, to Lancaster Classis; Rev. J. H. String, Aug. 16, '97, to St. Joseph's Classis (Synod of Ohio); Rev. J. L. Fluck, Oct. 11, '97, to Lebanon Classis, and Rev. J. A. Mertz, on the same date, to Tohickon Classis. Rev. Calvin U. O. Derr having died, March 12, '97, his name disappears from the Classical roll.

22. Lancaster Classis licensed, May 20, '97, Messrs. John A. Leuzinger, Martin W. Schweitzer, Theo. P. Bollinger and Daniel G. Glass; ordained, Oct. 18, '96, Lic. Frederick C. Hullhorst, and installed him as pastor of Bethany charge; received, Oct. 17, '96, Rev. Theo. G. DeLyre, from Portland, Oregon, Classis (Synod of Potomac); Lic. Glase Gerhard, May 19, '97, from Reading Classis, ordained and installed him May 27, '97, as pastor of the Hummelstown charge; received, May 20, '97, Lic. John D. Hicks from Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him, May 23, '97, as an assistant pastor in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.; dismissed, Oct. 19, '96, Lic. Ernest E. Weaver, to Illinois Classis (Synod of the Interior); Lic. Henry H. Rauck, Dec. 4, '96, to Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac); Rev. J. G. Walter, Dec. 4, '96, and Lic. John A. Leuzinger, May 19, '97, to Allegheny Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh), and Theo. P. Bollinger, May 19, '97, to Wyoming Classis; organized, May 25, '97, Faith Reformed Church, in

Lancaster, Pa., and confirmed the call extended to Lic. Daniel G. Glass, and ordained him, June 13, '97, in Faith Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

23. East Susquehanna Classis licensed, May 27, '97, Mr. Geo. A. Stauffer; received, May 26, '97, Lic. C. D. Kressley from Lehigh Classis, confirmed the call to Line Mountain charge, and ordained and installed him; received, Oct. 12, '96, Rev. Geo. S. Butz from Philadelphia Classis; Lic. Montgomery M. Fryor, Aug. 19, '97, from Goshenhoppen Classis, and ordained him as an assistant to the pastor of Tower City Mission charge; dismissed Rev. Alex. Kalassey to New York Classis (German Synod of the East), and Rev. John A. Danner to Reading Classis.

24. West Susquehanna Classis licensed, May 22, '97, Mr. John F. Kerlin; received, Nov. 12, '96, Rev. James M. Runkle from Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac); received, Aug. 30, '97, Lic. John L. Barnhart, from Westmoreland Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh), confirmed his call to the White Deer charge, and made provision for his ordination and installation; dismissed, May 31, '97, Rev. Jas. R. Bergey to Tohickon Classis. Rev. John Dotterer having died Aug. 20,'97, at Lamar, Clinton county, Pa., his name disappears from the Classical roll.

25. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed, May 27, '97, Mr. Montgomery M. Fryor; dismissed, Nov. 23, '96, Lic. H. Alex. Welker to Wyoming Classis; Lic. J. Abner Huntsicker, Jan. 18, '97, to Iowa Classis (Synod of the Interior); and Lic. Montgomery M. Fryor, July 26, '97, to East Susquehanna Classis. Rev. Wm. G. Engle, a member of Classis, having died Feb. 3, '97, at Williamsport, Pa., his name disappears from the Classical roll.

26. Tohickon Classis licensed, June 2, '97, Messrs. Thomas W. Dickert and Wilson S. Hartzell; ordained, July 19, '96, Lic. J. M. S. Isenberg, and installed him pastor of the Durham charge; received, June 1, '97, Rev. Jas. R. Bergey from West Susquehanna Classis, confirmed his call to the Doylestown charge, and made provision for his installation; dismissed, May 3, '97, Rev. H. F. Seiple, and Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, Aug. 27, '97, to Philadelphia Classis; dismissed, June 2, '97, Lic. Thos. W. Dickert to Lehigh Classis, and Lic. Wilson S. Hartzell to East Pennsylvania Classis. St. Stephen's congregation was detached from the Sellersville charge, and is

enrolled as Perkasie charge. Rev. L. C. Sheip having died Feb. 18, '97, at Doylestown, Pa., and Rev. David Rothtrock having died June 19, '97, at Bethlehem, Pa., their names disappear from the Classical roll.

27. Lehigh Classis licensed, May, '97, Messrs. Preston A. DeLong and Clement D. Kressley; ordained, June 26, '96, Lic. W. H. Erb, and installed him pastor of Summit Hill charge, Lansford, Pa.; ordained, Oct. 4, '96, Lic. E. E. Leinbach, and installed him pastor of St. John's Church, Kutztown, Pa.; received, June 8, '97, Lic. T. W. Dickert from Tohickon Classis, ordained him June 12, '97, and installed him pastor of Macungie charge; ordained, June 13, '97, Lic. Preston A. DeLong, and installed him pastor of Salisbury charge; dismissed, Nov. 23, '96, Lic. J. N. Wagonhurst to Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac), and Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer to Philadelphia Classis; dismissed, Dec. 15, '96, Lic. J. P. Bachman to Clarion Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh), and Lic. Clement D. Kressley, May, '97, to East Susquehanna Classis.

28. Wyoming Classis licensed, June 3, '97, Messrs. J. Hunter Watts and R. Raymond Jones; received, Dec. 3, '96, Rev. Geo. W. Welsh from Gettysburg Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed his call, and installed him Dec. 13, '96, as pastor of Calvary Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa.; received, Dec. 31, '96, Lic. Harvey A. Welker from Goshenhoppen Classis, confirmed his call, and ordained and installed him Jan. 7, '97, as pastor of First Reformed Church, Pittston, Pa.; received, March 23, '97, Rev. Jos. W. Bell from Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed the call and installed him on the same day as pastor of Emanuel's charge; received, July 15, '97, Lic. Theo. P. Bollinger from Lancaster Classis, and ordained and installed him as pastor of St. Luke Reformed Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; dismissed, June 3, '97, Rev. Theo. A. Huber to East Pennsylvania Classis, and also dismissed, August 23, '97, Lic. R. Raymond Jones to Virginia Classis (Synod of Potomac).

29. Reading Classis licensed, April 6, '97, Mr. E. Bruce Lyttle, and May 17, '97, Mr. Glase Gerhard; confirmed a call extended to Lic. E. Bruce Lyttle, and ordained him, June 13, '97, as pastor of Olivet Reformed Church; received, May 29, '97, Lic. Mabry L. Herbein from Lebanon Classis, confirmed a call extended to him, and ordained and installed him, June 20, '97, as the pastor of Spies congregation; received, May 29, '97,

Rev. J. A. Danner from East Susquehanna Classis, confirmed a call and installed him June 20, '97, as pastor of the Alsace charge; dismissed Lic. Glase Gerhard to Lancaster Classis. Rev. Daniel W. Albright having died Mar. 20, '97, and Rev. Geo. E. Addams, June 19, '97, at Reading, Pa., their names disappear from the Classical roll.

VII.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

30. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in St. Jacob's Reformed Church, Weissport, Carbon county, Pa., on Monday, May 9th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Wilson F. More, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

31. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Jonestown, Lebanon county, Pa., on Whitmonday, May 30th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Hilbish, *President;* Rev. J. E. Heister, D. D., *Stated Clerk;* Rev. I. C. Fisher, *Treasurer;* and Elder Jacob K. Funck, of Lebanon, *Deputy Treasurer.*

32. Philadelphia Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, 40th and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, May 17th, A. D. 1898, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Jos. H. Hendricks, D.D., *President;* Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., *Stated Clerk;* Rev. J. B. Henry, Norristown, Pa., *Treasurer.*

33. Lancaster Classis will meet in Bethany Reformed Church, Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., Monday after Ascension, May 23d, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Jno. G. Noss, *President;* Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk;* and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., *Treasurer.*

34. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Reformed Church, Lykens, Pa., Wednesday, June 1, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. N. W. Sechler, *President;* Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk;* Elder Geo. Hill, Esq., of Sunbury, Pa., *Treasurer.*

35. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, at Centre Hall, Pa., Wednesday, May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. L. Whitmore, *President;* Rev. Wm. A. Haas, of Selinsgrove, Pa., *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

36. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Royersford, Montgomery county, Pa., Monday, May 16th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Wm. B.

Werner, *President;* Rev. Charles S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk;* Elder D. B. Mauger, Douglassville, Pa., *Treasurer.*

37. Tohickon Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Quakertown, Pa., Monday after Ascension, May 23d, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. P. Horn, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk;* Elder Isaac G. Gerhart, Telford, Pa., *Treasurer.*

38. Lehigh Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church of Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa., May 16th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Geo. B. Smith, *President;* Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

39. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. Peter's Church, Pinegrove, Schuylkill county, Pa., on Monday, May 30th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. A. Frantz, *President;* Rev. W. J. Muir, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. O. H. Strunck, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., *Treasurer.*

40. Wyoming Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, McEwensville, Northumberland county, Pa., on the Wednesday after Whitsunday, June 1st, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Dr. A. M. Masonheimer, *President;* Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. A. Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa., *Treasurer.*

41. Reading Classis will meet in the Schwartzwald Church, Berks county, Pa., April 25th, A. D. 1898. Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, D.D., *President;* Rev. F. B. Hahn, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN,

W. H. WOTRING, A. B. DUNDOR,

J. STEWART HARTMAN, MILTON J. HESS.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were severally adopted, and the attention of the respective Classes called to the irregularities. The items 6 and 7, referring to requests, were granted. The items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. B. Walbert, C. B. Schneder, and Elder A. B. Dundor, (see Article XV., on Finance); item 15 was adopted; item 16 was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. J. Muir, G. A. Schwedes, and Elder S. S. Jones; and item 17 was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jno. S. Noss, Thos. H. Leinbach, and Elder

H. M. Otto; for action on these several items, see Art. XVII., on Complaints. Items 18 to 41 inclusive, were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which report was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee. Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Standing Commiteee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Tuesday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of Religion and Morals begs leave to report.

The Classical reports breathe a spirit of thanksgiving and cheerfulness. They present evidences of internal and external prosperity among the churches. The constitutional questions with regard to the preaching of the Gospel, catechisation, admission of members, maintenance of discipline and pastoral support, have been so generally answered in the affirmative as to indicate a healthy state of the Christian life. Among the reasons given for thanksgiving, are an increased benevolence, bequests to the Church, a $500 Church-building Fund, erection of churches, improvements to church and parsonage properties, liquidation of Church debts, the organization of a new congregation, greater activity in church work, the prosperous condition of the Sunday-schools and young people's organizations, a more loyal support of the Church, additions to church membership, a more faithful observance of the Sacraments, and a development of piety and Christian life. The cheerful and

hopeful tone of the reports is justified by the above facts, and they encourage us to record that devotion to our holy religion and willingness to make sacrifices for the growth of the Church and extension of the Gospel have been manifest within the bounds of the Synod during the past year. This record is further justified by the figures of the statistical table. These figures show that, compared with the previous year, 4,766 more members communed; there were 127 more confirmations; $10,-755 more was given to benevolence, and $54,684 more to congregational purposes. These evidences of activity on the part of pastors and people, and of the Divine blessing upon their labors, should call forth our gratitude to God, and quicken our fraternal regard and kindly feeling towards one another. We should be more fully united in sympathy, labors and prayers for the further progress of our Church. It is natural that different views as to worship and methods of work should exist among us; but as we are joined to the members of the Church catholic by the one spirit and life of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by love which transcends the peculiarities of doctrine and cultus, and being thus joined to them we acknowledge it to be our duty to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We should, in the narrower circle of our denominational life, earnestly strive to let the peace of God rule in our hearts, to the which we are called in one body, and above all these things to put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Another reason why the above figures justify the tone of the reports and encourage us to look upon the past year as one of prosperity, is that the increase in numbers and benevolence has been in the face of great financial depression. All the reports make mention of the stringency of the times and the depressing effect of it upon the work. In some of our charges there has been not only suffering, but actual distress. Our sympathies go out to those of our spiritual brethren, who have thus suffered and to those pastors who have been the witnesses of their distress with but little power to relieve them. In the language of one report, "Seasons of suffering are to the Church seasons of power." So they have been to us, as the reports show. They drive us to the throne of grace and stimulate us to the greater exercise of the strength with which we are endowed.

We must also note, that works of the flesh have to some

extent been manifest in the Church. Of these, mention is made of drunkenness, profanity, neglect of public worship, with its consequent desecration of the Lord's Day. Notwithstanding the temptations which surround our members to lead them into these sins, and the fact that we are justified in looking with compassion upon the offender, thus distinguishing between the sin and the sinner, no extenuation for the presence of such sins in the Church can be pleaded. When the spirit of worldliness affects our Christian life it reveals, not the weakness of the Gospel, but the weakness of our faith. There is no evidence that the pastors have failed to lift the voice of warning against such transgression. But unless we keep a watch over our souls, the spirit of the times affects us all, and dulls the conscience towards prevailing sin. It will be well for us, therefore, as ministers of the Gospel and elders of the Church to examine ourselves and discern whether or not we have been too lenient towards these evils, and too careless in guarding against their insinuating and destructive presence among the members.

Several Classes deplore the fact that the apportionment, especially that for Home Missions, and Beneficiary Education, have not been met. As this subject has been referred by your reverend body to a special committee, we pass it by, except to say, that it is to be hoped that regard for the honor of the Church and for the solemn responsibilities laid upon her by the Great Head of the Church, will call forth from the pastors and consistories a hearty response to her appeals for aid in the prosecution of her mission.

The necrological report has been prepared by the Stated Clerk. From it we learn that seven ministers of this Synod have fallen asleep in Jesus. Death comes to the believer as a friend, and while his presence means sorrow to kindred and the pang of parting from loved ones and from scenes familiar, yet to those in Christ his presence is rich with blessings. This thought is a solace in the pain we experience at the departure of those who have been associated with us in our work for the Lord. Their departure admonishes us to be more active and faithful in the discharge of duty, and reminds us that there is much to do and the time in which to do it is short. Their patient labors, their zeal in service and fidelity to the Lord, will be gratefully remembered, and their memory will be cherished

by the Church which they have so faithfully served.

With a humble sense of our shortcomings, with a grateful appreciation of the Divine goodness and love shed upon the Church through the Holy Ghost, and of the affection and zeal manifested by our congregations, we ascribe honor, thanksgiving and praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, world without end, amen.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, JNO. A. CALDWELL,

G. W. RICHARDS, WM. H. BUCK.

For statistical tables see appendix.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

In accordance with instruction, the Stated Clerk prepared brief biographical sketches of seven ministers, members of this body, who have died during the year, and whose names henceforth disappear from the Synodic roll.

REV. WILLIAM G. ENGLE.

Died February 2d, A. D. 1897.

William G. Engle, the eldest son of Solomon K. and Catherine Engle, was born April 16th, A. D. 1833, in New Berlinville, Pa., baptized in infancy, and confirmed in his youth by Rev. Aug. Dechant in the Reformed Church at Boyertown, Pa. After serving an apprenticeship at coachmaking, he pursued a preparatory training in the academy in his native village, and at Union Seminary, New Berlin, Union county, Pa.

After spending several years as a teacher in the public schools, he entered, in 1860, the Reformed Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Goshenhoppen Classis in 1862. In the month of August in the same year, he became the assistant pastor of Rev. Van Court in the Hill congregation. In October, 1864, he was elected pastor of the Red Bank charge, Clarion county, Pa., serving it for three and one-half years. In March, 1868, he was called to Rebersburg charge, Centre county, Pa.; in 1872, to the Uniontown charge, Dauphin county, Pa., where he labored with much success for seventeen years. From 1889 to 1892 he was the pastor of the Immanuel charge, Columbia county, Pa., and for one year he served the Deep Creek charge.

in Schuylkill county, Pa. In 1893, on account of ill health, he retired from the active duties of the ministry. Bro. Engle was married May 24, 1859, to Miss Annie C. Horlacher, of New Berlin, Pa. This union was blessed with seven children, three sons and four daughters. The youngest daughter died in 1881.

After patiently suffering from partial paralysis, he ended his mortal career Feb. 2d, 1897, at Williamsport, Pa., at the age of 63 years, 9 months and 16 days. His remains were conveyed to Boyertown, where the funeral services were held in the church in which he was confirmed. After a faithful ministry of more than thirty years, in the Church to which he was so ardently attached, he now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. LEVI C. SHEIP.

Died February 18th, A. D. 1897.

Levi C. Sheip, the son of John and Hannah S. Sheip, was born Dec. 30th, A. D. 1833, in Britain township, Bucks county, Pa. At an early age, he began teaching in the public schools of his native county. His preparatory training for a classical education was received at the Union Academy in Doylestown, and Frederick Institute, Montgomery county. He pursued his classical course in F. & M. College, Lancaster, Pa., and was graduated in 1861. In 1862, he entered the Theological Seminary in Mercersburg, Pa. He was examined in 1864 by Goshenhoppen Classis and licensed to preach the Gospel. In 1865, he accepted a call from the Reformed church at Bloomsburg, Pa. In 1867, he was called to take charge of a school in West Philadelphia, and in Dec., A. D. 1868, he became pastor of Salem Reformed Church, Doylestown, Pa., where he continued in service until death. During his ministry, extending through more than a quarter of a century, he never lost interest in educational matters. In 1869, he organized a school for girls, which resulted in the erection of Linden Female Seminary in his native village. Ten years later he became principal of the borough schools, which position he held for eleven years. In 1890, he tendered his resignation as principal of the borough schools, and devoted his entire attention to his congregation. He was much interested in the erection of a new church for his congregation, the lecture

room of which was shortly to be dedicated. On Thursday morning, Feb. 18, 1897, he was found dead in bed, having died at the age of 63 years, 1 month and 18 days.

REV. CALVIN U. O. DERR.
Died March 12th, A. D. 1897.

Calvin Derr, a son of Rev. Dr. Levi K. and Rachel Reagan Derr, was born in Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 30, A. D. 1863. His early life was spent in the coal regions, and at Slatington, Pa., where he attended the public high school. In 1881, he became the secretary of the Reading Hardware Company, where he continued in service for three years. He entered Ursinus College in 1884, where he was graduated in 1888, and, in 1891, from the Yale Divinity School, at New Haven, Conn. In the same year, he was licensed to preach the Gospel, and having received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Reformed Church, Spring City, Pa., he was ordained and installed June 7, 1891, as the pastor of that congregation. He was married Feb. 11, 1896, to Miss Clara Stauffer Keeley. This happy union was of short duration. On the 4th of Feb., 1897, his wife died, and on March 12th, in the same year, he followed his departed loved one in the eternal world, at the age of 33 years, 2 months and 12 days. His ministry on earth was brief, but it was full of activity and enthusiasm for the welfare of souls and the glory of Christ's kingdom. His loss is deeply felt by a venerable father, who is still active in the ministry, and by his congregation, who lovingly revere his memory. His mortal remains were interred March 16, 1897, in East Vincent cemetery. There, by the side of his departed wife, he sleeps his last sleep, which shall be broken, when the last trump shall proclaim the resurrection dawn, when Christ's followers shall receive the crown of eternal life.

REV. DANIEL W. ALBRIGHT.
Died March 20th, A. D. 1897.

Daniel Weitzel Albright, a son of the late Henry M. and Mary Jane Albright (nee Weitzel), was born Nov. 20, A. D. 1861, at Reading Pa. His preparatory training was received in the public schools of his own city, and at Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa. He was graduated from F. & M. College in 1886, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, in 1890. He was licensed Sept. 29th, 1890, by Schuylkill Classis, re-

ceived a call from St. Paul's Reformed Church, Manheim, Pa., and was ordained and installed Nov. 2, 1890, as pastor of the charge. He served this charge until January, 1893, when, on account of ill health, he tendered his resignation.

Having partially regained his health, he accepted a call from Olivet Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., and was installed Dec. 17, 1894, as pastor of the congregation. He was chosen and was present June, 1896, as a delegate to the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Glasgow, Scotland.

Having been prostrated by a severe attack of LaGrippe for several months, he died March 20, 1897, at the age of 35 years 4 months and 20 days, leaving a brother and widowed mother to mourn his early departure. The funeral service was held in St. Paul's Memorial Church, on March 25, 1897, and his earthly remains were interred in Charles Evans cemetery, where he peacefully rests in the hope of a blessed resurrection.

Rev. George Eckert Addams.

Died June 19th, A. D. 1897.

George E. Addams, a son of Peter and Susan Addams (nee Eckert), was born April 12, A. D. 1822. He was baptized in infancy, and confirmed in his youth as a member of Gernant's Church, Leesport, Pa. His academical training was received at the Trappe and at Strasburg, Pa. He pursued his theological studies at the Seminary at Mercersburg, from which institution he was graduated in 1859. In the same year, he accepted a call to the Sulphur Spring charge, Cumberland county, Pa., consisting of three congregations. In 1864, he became pastor of the Turbotville charge, consisting of three congregations; in 1868, of the Mifflinburg charge, Union county. In 1878, he for the second time became pastor of Sulphur Spring charge, and in 1891 he was called to the Aaronsburg charge. In 1893, he removed with his family to Reading, Pa., where from time to time, he preached to the various congregations, as his services were needed by his brethren. In May, 1861, he was married to Miss Rebecca S. Mohr, of Mohrsville, Pa. This union was blessed with one son and four daughters. After a brief illness, he died at the age of 75 years, 2 months and 7 days. The funeral service was held June 23, 1897, in St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., and his earthly re

mains were interred in the Union cemetery at Mohrsville, in the hope of a blessed resurrection.

REV. DAVID ROTHTROCK.

Died June 19th, A. D. 1897.

David Rothtrock, the fourth son of Jonathan and Susanna Rothtrock (nee Derr), was born Dec. 1, 1830, near Hellertown, Northampton county, Pa. At the age of 17, he became a communicant member of the Lower Saucon Church. His preliminary education was received at Tremont Seminary, Norristown, Pa. Several years of his life were devoted to the profession of teaching. At the age of 25, he directed his attention to the holy ministry. After pursuing a course of theological study under the instruction of Rev. Dr. D. F. Brendle for several years, he was licensed and ordained, in 1858, by East Pennsylvania Classis as an assistant to Dr. Brendle in the Freemansburg and Old William's congregations.

In 1859, he accepted a call from the Durham charge, consisting of four congregations, which he served faithfully for 33 years. In 1852, he entered into holy wedlock with Miss Mary Ann Hess, and was blessed with two sons, one of whom is devoting his life to the Christian ministry, and is the pastor of the Reformed Church at Lansdale, Pa. Being wearied and worn-out after enduring the afflictions of the body, he calmly fell asleep at his home in Bethelehem, Pa., at the age of 68 years, 6 months and 18 days. The funeral service was held June 23, in Christ Reformed Church, and his mortal remains were interred in Altonah cemetery. He was a faithful minister. "They that lead many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

REV. JOHN DOTTERER.

Died August 20th, A. D. 1897.

John Dotterer, son of John and Elizabeth Dotterer (nee Hauck), was born March 31, A. D. 1844, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, Pa. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Seibert, and in youth confirmed by Rev. R. A. Van Court as a member of Falkner Swamp Reformed Church, Montgomery county, Pa.

During six years of his life he was a teacher in public schools. In 1868, he entered F. & M. College, and was grad-

uated in 1871, after which he pursued a three-years' course in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

He was licensed May 26, 1874, by Goshenhoppen Classis to preach the Gospel, and on July 12, 1874, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Curlsville charge, Clarion county, Pa., consisting of three congregations. On July 15, 1877, he became pastor of New Berlin charge, in Union county, Pa., consisting of four congregations; and on May 11, 1879, he accepted a call to Pine Run charge, Westmoreland county, Pa. On January 31, 1886, he became pastor of Rebersburg charge, Centre county, Pa., consisting of five congregations, where he continued his labors until Oct. 31, 1889. Ill health constrained him to resign his charge and discontinue the active duties of the ministry. Rev. Dotterer was married Dec. 9, 1874, to Miss Mary C. Meyer, of Clintondale, Pa., with whom he was blessed with six children.

After devoting the latter years of his life to secular occupation, he closed his earthly career Aug. 20, 1897, at his home, near Lamar, Clinton county, Pa., at the age of 53 years, 4 months and 20 days. His remains lie buried in the cemetery of Mt. Bethel Reformed Church, Clinton county, Pa., awaiting the triumph in the final resurrection.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 20, 1897. JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE XIII.

F. AND M. COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.

(a)—Report of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The regular annual meeting was held on May 13th, 1897, when the following officers were elected: *President*, Geo. N. Forney; *Vice-President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, Jeremiah S. Hess, and *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

At this meeting, a committee, consisting of Geo. N. For-

ney, J. N. Hensch, J. B. Roth, and Hon. W. R. Barnhart, was appointed to confer with the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College relative to the 4½ acres of land, on which two of the Seminary professors' houses stand. The Building Committee of the DePeyster Library Building had encroached upon the Seminary ground by locating part of the new building thereon. This Board, believing that the time had come when it will be to the interest of both institutions that Franklin and Marshall College be the owner of that part of the grounds now owned by the Theological Seminary, granted authority to the Building Committee to proceed with the work, the consideration therefor to be determined later. This matter is still in the hands of the above-named committee.

Bequests were received from the following persons during the past year, viz.: Fifty ($50) dollars from the estate of Miss Justina E. Gerhard, of Lancaster, Pa.; five hundred ($500) dollars from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the endowment fund and three hundred ($300) dollar from the estate of Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, Pa., towards the Seminary Building Fund.

The Board very gratefully makes record of these bequests and their worthy examples are commended to our people generally, even to those of limited means, who may greatly aid our institutions by providing for their growing needs by means of comparatively small bequests.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1897. The Executive Committee reported that they had purchased the triangular plot from the Evans estate for $1,600. By this purchase they straightened our lines on Pine street (lately opened by the city), and secured a lot for the janitor's building, which is now in course of erection, besides selling a portion thereof. The net cost of the ground to the Seminary was $785.75. The Treasurer also advanced to the Building Committee of Synod $1,100.00 towards the erection of the janitor's building.

The Seminary Building Committee, through its chairman, Rev. Dr. Bowman, reported that the Seminary building is completed and the entire cost provided for, whereupon the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, chairman of the Building Com-

mittee; to Rev. C. J. Musser, chairman of the Canvass Committee, for their active personal interest, and to all the others, for their earnest co-operation in the work.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase in the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and,

WHEREAS, The Board has had extraordinary expenses in the necessary purchase of the triangular tract to straighten our lines on Pine street, and in the erection of a janitor's building, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate $1,200, to meet the annual expenses of the past year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

In justice to all concerned, your Board heartily approves the action of the Eastern Synod at its meeting in October, 1896, authorizing the Board (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the one to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh Synod's professor, and the other lot as a site for the house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 16th, 1897.

Treasurer's Report.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

1896.					
Oct.	1.	For Int.	Pd. by	A. Fritz to Oct. 1, 1896.....$	25 30
Oct.	2.	"	"	Geo. Schroyer to Oct. 1, 1896....	150 00
Oct.	7.	"	"	L. Wolfersberger on account.....	50 00
Oct.	14.	"	"	P. F. Bassler to April 1, 1896....	6 50
Oct.	15.	"	"	Becker property to Jan. 1, 1897..	99 50
Oct.	19.	"	"	Newton Groff to Oct. 1, 1896....	30 00
Oct.	20.	"	"	Kieffer legacy to Oct. 1, 1897.....	237 50
Nov.	2.	"	"	First Ref'd Church to Oct. 1, 1896.	50 00
Nov.	2.	"	"	St. Stephen's Ch. to Oct. 29, 1896.	9 00
Dec.	1.	"	"	Lehigh Val. R. R. to Dec. 1, 1896	150 00
Dec.	3.	"	"	Killough mortgage to Dec. 3, '96.	235 42

Dec.	17	For Int. Pd. by		St. John's Luth. Ch. to Nov. 15, '96	106 00
Dec.	17.	"	"	Hbg. & Balti're R. R. Nov. 1, '96.	25 00
Dec.	31.	"	"	Mercersburg Classis Jan. 1, 1897..	15 00
Dec.	31.	"	"	Simmons property on account....	3 25
1897.					
Jan.	1.	"	"	Cook legacy, to Sept. 1, 1896.....	30 00
Jan.	9.	"	"	Becker property, to Jan. 1, 1897...	114 70
Jan.	11.	"	"	Loan	5 00
Jan.	21.	"	"	Zion's Classis, to Oct. 1, 1896.....	9 75
Jan.	21.	"	"	Jacob Heyser, on account.....	60 00
Jan.	25.	"	"	Simmons property, on account....	2 25
Feb.	16.	"	"	Simmons property on account....	6 00
Feb.	23.	"	"	Simmons property on account....	1 00
Mar.	2.	"	"	Frank Wesley to Apr. 1, 1897....	48 00
Mar.	2.	"	"	A. Fritz on account	20 00
Mar.	8.	"	"	A. Fritz to Apr. 1, 1897.....	62 50
Mar.	18.	"	"	Berwyn water bonds Mar. 1, 1897.	60 00
Mar.	23.	"	"	Isaac S. Groff to Apr. 1, 1897.....	82 50
Mar.	23.	"	"	E. Susq. Classis to Oct. 14, 1895...	13 65
Mar.	25.	"	"	Geo. Carbaugh to Apr. 1, 1897....	110 00
Mar.	25.	"	"	Geo. Schroyer to Apr. 1, 1897....	150 00
Mar.	30.	"	"	C. R. Goodell to Apr. 1, 1897.....	25 00
Mar.	31.	"	"	Aaron Cunkle to April 1, 1897....	38 50
Mar.	31.	"	"	Zion's Classis on account.....	12 25
Mar.	31.	"	"	S. M. Keen to April 1, 1897.....	75 00
Mar.	31.	"	"	S. J. Johnson to April 1, 1897....	60 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	A. L. Passmore to Apr. 1, 1897...	45 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	Henry Keen to Apr. 1, 1897.....	60 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	Newton Groff to Apr. 1, 1897....	30 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	Lehigh Classis to Apr. 1, 1897....	30 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	Jacob Heyser on account.....	40 00
Apr.	1.	"	"	W. U. Hensel to Apr. 1, 1897.....	125 00
Apr.	3.	"	"	Loan to date	21 08
Apr.	3.	"	"	W. S. Martin, Treas., to Apr. 1, '97	50 00
Apr.	5.	"	"	Lan. St. R'way. bonds Apr. 1, '97	137 50
Apr.	6.	"	"	W. U. Hensel to Apr. 13, 1897....	45 00
Apr.	7.	"	"	Kieffer legacy to Apr. 1, 1897.....	237 50
Apr.	7.	"	"	Cook legacy to Apr. 1, 1897.....	35 00
Apr.	9.	"	"	Becker property to Apr. 1, 1897...	100 00
Apr.	9.	"	"	W. F. Hambright to Apr. 17, 1897	75 00
Apr.	14.	"	"	Lane & Co. to Apr. 1, 1897.....	62 50
Apr.	21.	"	"	Allemannia F. Ins. Co.....	20 00
Apr.	23.	"	"	Jacob Heyser on account.....	100 00
Apr.	29.	"	"	S. Wolfersberger on account.....	50 00
May	7.	"	"	W. Lysinger to Nov. 15, 1896.....	60 00
May	11.	"	"	Rev. C. W. Levan to Jan. 1, 1897.	17 59
May	11.	"	"	Amos Christ to Apr. 1, 1897.....	90 00
May	21.	"	"	E. Susq. Classis to Mch. 4, 1897..	20 75
June	1.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. bonds to June 1, 1897	150 00
June	5.	"	"	S. Wolfersberger to Apr. 1, 1897.	10 00
June	19.	"	"	Smith loan in full.....	32 10
June	25.	"	"	Osborne & Co. to June 21, 1897..	200 00
June	25.	"	"	St. John's Luth. Church to May 15, 1897	106 00
June	29.	"	"	St. John's Ref'd Ch., Shamokin...	12 50
July	6.	"	"	Geo. Schroyer to July 1, 1897.....	75 00
July	9.	"	"	Becker property to July 1, 1897...	100 00
July	9.	"	"	Harrisb'g Bridge Co. to July 1, '97	4 60
July	14.	"	"	Allemannia F. Ins. Co.....	20 00
July	17.	"	"	P. M. Ermantrout on account....	100 00

Aug. 14.	For Int. Pd. by	John Bassler on account.....	2 00
Aug. 28.	" "	John Bassler on account.....	6 00
Aug. 31	" "	A. Goodell & Son to Sept. 1, 1897	60 00
Sept. 6.	" "	Berwyn water bond to Sept. 1, '97	60 00
Sept. 9.	" "	Wyoming Classis to July 1, 1897..	15 00
Sept. 15.	" "	C. R. Goodell to Oct. 1, 1897.....	25 00
Sept. 15.	" "	C. H. Locher to Sept. 15, 1897....	250 00
Sept. 20.	" "	Balt'e. & Hbg. Ins. to May 1, 1897	25 00
Sept. 20.	" "	Simmons property rent	5 00
Sept. 20.	" "	Simmons sale of lumber.....	32 05
Sept. 22.	" "	S. E. Wolfersberger on account..	10 00
Sept. 23.	" "	Sem'y. Aid Fund transf. to date..	798 94
		Total receipts to Oct. 1, 1897.....	$5,729 93

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Oct. 1.	By	balance due Treasurer as per account.....	$ 3,072 32
Oct. 7.	"	Ins. paid on Simmons property	10 50
Oct. 8.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to Oct. 1, 1896.....	1 80
Oct. 9.	"	Treasurer salary paid to Oct. 1, 1896.....	100 00
Oct. 10.	"	John C. Hager, Chairman of F. & M. College Committee on Grounds and Buildings for grading and teracing on Seminary property	300 00
Oct. 10.	"	Wohlson's bill of repairs. Dr. Appels.....	50 20
Oct. 20.	"	F. Pfeiffer bill.....	2 16
Oct. 24.	"	Steinwandel & Kendig, filling up.....	20 00
Oct. 28.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account.....	200 00
Oct. 28.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on account.....	200 00
Oct. 28.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on account.....	200 00
Oct. 28.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill to Aug. 12, 1896	165 00
Oct. 29.	"	Interest on Becker property.....	5 85
Oct. 31.	"	J. Smithgall, janitor, salary to Nov. 1, 1896.....	130 00
Nov. 6.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to Nov. 1, 1896.....	1 60
Nov. 9.	"	F. Snydam for fire extinguishers.....	31 26
Nov. 11.	"	I. Carpenter, surveying Sem'y. property.....	6 00
Nov. 18.	"	F. Pfeiffer's bill slating.....	75
Nov. 23.	"	transfer and deed of Simmons property.....	8 00
Dec. 3.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to Dec. 1, 1896.....	1 40
Dec. 4.	"	Frailey, Supt. City Water Works bill.....	15 50
Dec. 5.	"	Smithgall, bill digging trenches, etc.....	30 00
Dec. 10.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....	4 20
Dec. 10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary to Jan. 1, 1897....	175 00
Dec. 10.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1897....	175 00
Dec. 10.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1897.....	175 00
Dec. 18.	"	James Smithgall, on account of salary.....	25 00
Dec. 26.	"	C. A. Heinitsh, bill.....	1 13
1897.			
Jan. 5.	"	D. H. Miller, bill of plumbing.....	108 20
Jan. 5.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to Jan. 1, 1897.....	3 30
Jan. 5.	"	Stoner, Schreiner & Co.....	8 39
Jan. 11.	"	Wickersham Printing Co., bill.....	2 75
Jan. 16.	"	Bairs Sons & Heinitsh, bill.....	2 00
Jan. 30.	"	J. Smithgall, on salary account.....	80 00
Feb. 4.	"	Sem'y electric light bill to Feb. 1, 1897.....	2 10
Feb. 4.	"	Sem'y. gas bill to Feb. 1, 1897.....	1 35
Feb. 19.	"	Treasurer salary to Jan. 1, 1897.....	75 00
Feb. 19.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account of salary.....	200 00
Feb. 19.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on account of salary....	200 00
Feb. 19.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on account of salary.....	200 00
Feb. 25.	"	Flinn & Breneman, bill.....	9 20

Feb.	26.	By	Bill of brooms (Seminary)	75
Mar.	4.	"	transfer of Ins. policy	50
Mar.	4.	"	T. Humphreville, bill	10 53
Mar.	4.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to Mar. 1, 1897	2 00
Mar.	15.	"	Sheriff's deed for Rinier property	2 50
Mar.	23.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to April 1, 1897	175 00
Mar.	23.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary to Apr. 1, 1897	175 00
Mar.	23.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Apr. 1, 1897	175 00
Mar.	25.	"	school and county tax, Simmons property, 1896	9 78
Apr.	3.	"	J. Smithgall, on salary	70 00
Apr.	6.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill	1 90
Apr.	9.	"	Examiner bill of catalogues	56 73
Apr.	9.	"	I. Carpenter, bill	6 50
Apr.	10.	"	P. O. stamps, E. V. G. for catalogues	6 00
Apr.	13.	"	Int. paid Pittsburg Prof. Fund to Apr. 1, 1897.	105 58
Apr.	17.	"	Smaltz Fund, interest paid to Apr. 1, 1897	125 00
Apr.	17.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill	55 00
Apr.	29.	"	water tax by meter to Apr. 1, 1897 (Sem'y.)	17 39
May	6.	"	Sem'y. electric light bill to May 1, 1897	2 00
May	8.	"	Sacred Rhetoric Prize Fund, int. to May 9, 1897	15 35
May	8.	"	Church History Prize Fund, int. to May 9, 1897	100 00
May	11.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary account	200 00
May	11.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on salary account	200 00
May	11.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary account	200 00
May	11.	"	Treasurer salary to April 1, 1897	75 00
May	25.	"	city water rent for 1897	11 40
May	25.	"	city water rent for 1896	3 00
May	28.	"	Seminary ad. in "Oriflamme"	10 00
June	8.	"	Seminary electric light bill to June 1, 1897	2 40
June	8.	"	Lancaster Trust Co., Treasurer's bond	50 00
June	11.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to July 1, 1897	175 00
June	11.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary to July 1, 1897	175 00
June	11.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to July 1, 1897	175 00
June	21.	"	Seminary ad. in Church Almanac, 1897	20 00
June	26.	"	recording deed of Even's property	3 25
July	1.	"	Treasurer salary to July 1, 1897	75 00
July	3.	"	Marshall & Rengier's bill	4 25
July	9.	"	Seminary electric light bill to July 1, 1897	1 00
July	10.	"	Seminary water bill to July 1, 1897	2 24
July	17.	"	Jos. Wilfong's bill for repairs (Dr. Apples)	12 00
July	23.	"	paid Treasurer of Building Fund	12 50
July	26.	"	Sener & Sons, bill of lumber	9 92
Aug.	2.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1897	375 00
Aug.	2.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1897	375 00
Aug.	2.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1897	375 00
Aug.	4.	"	Seminary electric light bill to Aug. 1, 1897	1 00
Aug.	18.	"	Schroyer's seed bill	1 12
Aug.	24.	"	interest paid on Seminary property	5 25
Sept.	6.	"	Seminary electric light bill to Sept. 1, 1897	1 00
Sept.	14.	"	M. S. Falck's bill	1 13
Sept.	15.	"	Library Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1897	65 99
Sept.	15.	"	Smaltz Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1897	125 00
Sept.	15.	"	Pittsburg P. Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1897.	105 58
Sept.	15.	"	Clopp Legacy Fund interest paid to Oct. 1, 1897	40 00
Sept.	15.	"	Jacob Forney Alcove Fund int. to Oct. 1, 1897	50 00
Sept.	15.	"	Henry Wirt Alcove Fund int. to Oct. 1, 1897	50 00
Sept.	15.	"	J. C. Bowman Trust Fund int. to Oct. 1, 1897	37 50
Sept.	15.	"	W. U. Hensel, professor's services, in full	50 00
				$ 10,188 06

Oct.	1.	Amount Dr. brought forward.....	5,729 93
		Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1, 1897.....	$ 4,458 13
		With sundry interest due the Endt Fund to Oct. 1, '97, of $3,000	

JOHN B. ROTH,
Treasurer of the Theo. Sem'y of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1896.				
Oct.	3.	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	$6.00	
Oct.	3.	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	69.79	$75.79
Oct.	8.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	121.00	
Oct.	8.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	50.00	171.00
Dec.	29.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer		6.00
1897.				
Jan.	1.	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer		9.00
May	8.	For amount received of Reading Classis.....		20.00
May	11.	For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	$8.01	
May	11.	For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	45.10	$53.11
May	11.	For amount received of Daniel Shaffner, Treasurer		19.00
May	14.	For amount received of Lancaster Classis.....		42.35
May	17.	" " " Philadelphia Classis.....		12.00
May	21.	" " " E. Susq. Classis		41.25
May	27.	" " " Tohickon Classis		47.00
May	27.	" " " Juniata Classis		68.00
June	10.	" " " Schuylkill Classis		1.00
June	10.	" " " Lebanon Classis		33.44
July	1.	" " " Tohickon Classis interest..		16.00
July	5.	" " " Pittsburg Synod	$50.00	
July	21.	" " " Pittsburg Synod	50.00	$100.00
Aug.	21.	" " " Tohickon Classis		9.00
Sept.	4.	Of C. M. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod 1892 and 1893, synodical apportionment tied up by failures of bankers and now paid.....		75.00
				$798.94

Transferred and charged to Treasurer in his current expense account to Oct. 1, 1897.

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

1896.				
Principal				$1,819 96
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund to date.....	$ 107 11	
Oct.	3.	" interest paid by John Miley on acc't	30 00	
1897.				
May	11.	" interest paid by John Miley on acct.	30 00	

Sept. 15.	" interest paid by Seminary Treas. to Oct. 1, 1897	65 99	$233 10

Cr.

1896.			
Oct. 3.	By bill paid J. R. Stein order	3 00	
Oct. 28.	" " " " " "	2 97	
Nov. 13.	" " " " " "	10 56	
Nov. 27.	" " " " " "	4 00	
Dec. 9.	" " " " " "	21 87	
1897.			
Jan. 22.	" " " " " "	4 90	
Feb. 19.	" " " " " "	8 82	
Mar. 4.	" " " S. H. Zahrn & Co	5 70	
Apr. 5.	" " " J. R. Stein order	14 01	
June 16.	" " " insurance to 1900	20 00	95 83
Oct. 1, 1897.	Balance due Fund		$ 137 27

The Smalts Fund.

	Principal	$5,000.00

Dr.

Oct. 1.	For interest received on same to date	$250.00

Cr.

1897.			
Apr. 17.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	$125.00	
Sept. 15.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	125.00	$250.00

1897.

The William A. Wilt Fund.

	Principal	$833.33
Oct. 1.	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account	$41.66

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

	Principal	$2,000.75

May 1, 1896.	Balance due same	$17.95	
May 1, 1897.	Interest and balance due Fund to May 1, 1897	$100.00	$117.95

Cr.

By prize paid per award of committee	$100.00	
By expenses	1.00	$101.00
Oct. 1, 1897. Balance due Fund		$16.95

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1896.			
May 9.	Amount of Fund		$ 307 12
	Interest due on same to May 9, 1897	$ 15 35	

Cr.

May 8, 1897.	By Prize paid per award of Com.	15 00	35
May 8, 1897.	Received of Prof. W. M. Irvine for principal		103 00
	May 9th, 1897, Amount of Fund		$ 410 47

Jacob Forney Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal		$1,000.00
	Cr.		
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	$150.00	

Henry Wirt Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal		$1,000.00
	Cr.		
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	$100.00	

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove.

Sept	19, 1896 Received for Principal in Seminary Library	$700.00	
	Principal	50.00	$750.00
	Cr.		
Oct.	1. By interest due same to Oct. 1, 1897..	$72.50	

Seminary Class of 1894 for Alcove in Seminary Library.

Sundry obligations in hands of Treasurer		$ 981 00
1897.		
Oct.	1. By cash received on same to date	217 00
	Oct. 1, 1897. Unpaid obligation	$ 764 00

Pittsburg Professorship Fund and Loan Invested.

1897.		
Oct.	1. Due Fund by Theological Seminary	$4,223.19
	Hempfield Coal Bonds	11,000.00
	Rupp, Wm. D.D., note	800.00
	Clarion Classis	800.00
	Donahoe, Wm	2,000.00
	Rumbaugh, J. M., and others	4,350.00
	Westmoreland Classis	1,100.00
	Calvary Reformed church, Turtle Creek	1,600.00
	Bair, E. H. and E. M. mortgage	2,750.00
	Sewickly Gas Coal Bonds	1,000.00
Oct.	1, 1897. Total in hands of Treasurer	$29,623.19

Dr.

	Interest received on same from Sept. 22, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897, viz:		
Sept. 22.	From Second Reformed Church, Greensburg		$165.00
Oct. 19.	" Johnstown congregation		66.00
Dec. 12.	" Hempfield Coal Bonds		330.00
Dec. 23.	" W. R. Barnhart on interest acc	$44.00	
	" " " Johnstown	4.40	48.40
1897.			
Jan. 2.	" " " Turtle Creek	64.00	
Jan. 2.	" " " Donahoe	60.00	124.00
Apr. 13.	" " " Westmoreland Classis	33.00	
	From W. R. Barnhart, B. C. Wolf	9.00	
	From W. R. Barnhart, interest on loan	6.00	48.00

Apr. 13.	From Treasurer of Theological Seminary, interest to April 1, 1897	105.58
Apr. 13.	" Wm. Rupp, D.D., interest to January 1, 1897	48.00
Apr. 19.	Interest on Bair mortgage to May 1, 1897	82.50
May 7.	" Rumbaugh Brick Co., to May 2, 1897	130.50
May 12.	" Sewickley C. G. Bond to June 1, 1897	7.50
June 17.	" Hempfield Coal Bonds, June 1, 1897.	330.00
July 8.	" Thos. Donahoe six months interest	60.00
Sept. 15.	" Treasurer of Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1897	105.58
		$1,651.06

CR.

By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., as per his receipts, to Oct. 1, 1897	$1,651.06

The John Reigel Fund.

	Principal of notes		$15,680 00
Oct. 1. '97.	By note paid due July 20, 1895	$ 3,920 00	
	" " " " " " 1896	3,920 00	
	" " " " " " 1897	3,920 00	
		$11,760 00	
	Note in hands of Treasurer due July 20, 1898	3,920 00	
			$15,680 00

All interest received on said Fund is accounted for in the current expense account of Theological Seminary.

Endowment Fund.

Oct. 1.	Amount of Endowment Fund reported	$94,418.69
Nov. 3.	Received a bequest by will of Miss Justina Elizabeth Gerhard, deceased, Lancaster	50.00
1897. Jan. 1.	Due from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, deceased, of Harrisburg	500.00
		$94,968.69
	Less an obligation for the sum of credited in error to Endowment Fund and intended for Seminary Building Fund.	250 00
1897. Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	$94,718.69

Statement of Funds.

Endowment Fund	$ 94,718 69
Smaltz Fund	5,000 00
Library Fund	1,819 96
Pittsburg Prof. Fund	29,623 19
Church History Fund	2,000 75
Sacred Rhetoric Fund	410 47
John Reigel Fund	15,680 00
Wm. A. Wilt Fund	833 33
Jacob Forney Library Alcove Fund	1,000 00
Henry Wirt Library Alcove Fund	1,000 00
J. C. Bowman, Trust, Library Alcove Fund	750 00
Seminary Class 1894 Library Alcove Fund	981 00
	$153,817 39

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,
Treasurer of the Theo. Sem'y of the Reformed Church in the U. S.
LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1897.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, report, that we have attended to the work assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH,
Committee.

(b)—Report of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1896-1897.

1. The institution was opened Sept. 10, 1896, and its work carried forward without interruption, save that one of the professors (Dr. Apple) was not able during part of the year to meet regularly his classes on account of ill health, but which did not prevent his carrying each class over the course prescribed by the schedule. We are happy to state that at the opening of the present Seminary year, Dr. Apple was so far restored that he expected to meet all his classes regularly.

2. The course in elocution was omitted, because of failure to obtain a teacher. The Faculties of the Seminary and College, assisted by a member of the Board, were requested to join in an effort to secure a Professor in Elocution.

2 (*a*). The Board felt that the subject of Missions demands more attention than the Faculty is able to give it, without interfering with their duties in other directions. The professors were therefore instructed to supplement the instruction on this subject by a course of lectures on Missions, to be delivered by persons especially interested and engaged in Mission work. Your reverend body is requested to provide a proportionate share of the expense needed for these two objects, as will be seen by the resolutions submitted for your consideration.

3. On Sept. 10, 1896, the following students were admitted to the *Junior Class*: Jno. K. Adams, Elmer L. Coblentz, Chas. E. Correl, Jno. F. Dechant, Chas. H. Faust, Wm. S. Fisher, Albert H. Ginder, Geo. G. Greenawald, Moses A. Keiffer, Wm. G. Klein, Chas. H. Knight, Willoughby H. Millhouse, Wm. A. McClellan, Robt. F. Reed, Henry N. Smith,

Sam'l H. Stein, Nevin L. Weidner. Of these, 13 are graduates of F. & M. College, one completed the Sophomore year, one is a graduate of the Moravian College, one was admitted from the Normal University, and one from F. & M. Academy. Total, 17.

4. The *Middle Class* consisted of the students who were admitted to the Junior Class, September, '95, with four exceptions: Paul L. Gerhard, who accepted an appointment to the position of teacher in the institutions of our Church in Japan; Calvin J. Rhen, who discontinued his studies for lack of funds; Hugh K. Fulton, a Presbyterian, who entered the class with the intention of continuing one term, and who took his dismission to the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and Ward W. Reese, an Episcopalian, who entered with the intention of continuing to the end of the Junior year. When the year closed, he passed his examinations and withdrew. George W. Hartman is pursuing the Seminary course with the present purpose of devoting himself not to the ministry, but to the profession of teaching. Total, 12.

5. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following students: J. F. Bair, Jno. L. Barnhart, Theo. P. Bolliger, Wm. H. Brong, Chas. A. Bushong, Preston A. Delong, Theo. W. Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, Wm. Glase Gerhard, Dan'l G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzell, Conrad A. Hauser, Mabry L. Herbein, Theo. C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressley, E. Douglas Lantz, Jno. A. Lutzinger, R. Franklin Main, Chas. F. McMann, James M. Mullin, Curtin L. Oswald, Amos O. Reiter, Martin W. Schweitzer, James R. Stein, Adolphus Walker. Total, 27. These students having completed the full course of study, and having sustained creditable examinations, were granted the regular *testimonials* on the day of graduation.

6. The following ministers of the Gospel completed a post-graduate course of the Seminary agreeably to the curriculum approved by the Board of Visitors. Each one having pursued the studies of three departments, and having passed approved examinations, was recommended, through the College Faculty, to the Trustees of F. & M. College for the honorary title of Bachelor of Divinity: Rev. C. Clifton Clark, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rev. Wm. I. Stewart, Baltimore, Md., and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Woodbury, Md. Total, 3. The recommenda-

tion was favorably considered and the degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees, at its annual meeting in 1897.

7. The average grade of the students was high. The professors bear testimony to their faithfulness in study, to their good deportment, and to their mental and spiritual preparation for the duties of their calling. The class graduated in '97 was the largest in the history of the Seminary.

In conclusion, your favorable consideration of the following resolution is respectfully asked:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board overture the three Synods to raise for the Professor in Elocution $300, as follows: Eastern Synod, $125; Potomac Synod, $100; Pittsburg Synod, $75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate $150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod, $60; Potomac Synod, $50; Pittsburg Synod, $40.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 17, 1897.

(c)—Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend, the Eastern Synod:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following annual report to your reverend body:

Three special meetings were held within the year, and the annual meeting. At the annual meeting in May, the Board organized for the current year by electing Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., President; Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, Secretary; and Mr. John Hertzler, Treasurer.

During the scholastic year, the Board, out of its income from invested funds, and the contributions received, aided nine students, and the Classis of East Pennsylvania reports six students aided by that body. For the current year the Board is aiding seven students.

For more than a year past, the Board has been giving special examination to its records, and the obligations of beneficiaries held by it, and has put its books and papers into shape for the systematic, accurate and convenient keeping of the records, accounts, and lists of securities, notes and beneficiaries.

The obligations of 128 beneficiaries now *deceased*, and covering the period from the organization of the Board to date (1828 to 1897), aggregating in value $31,560.30, have been cancelled and destroyed. The obligations of 67 beneficiaries who have been ten years or longer in the faithful service of the Church, and covering a period of forty years (1846 to 1886), and aggregating in value $29,170.33, have, on request, in accordance with the action of Synod taken in 1855, been cancelled and surrendered. The Board still holds the obligations of 100 other beneficiaries, some of whom purpose, in time, to refund the monies loaned them.

The Board has prepared, and is now using, two forms of notes, which state the conditions of the obligation, so that in the future all beneficiaries will understand clearly and fully the nature of the note or obligation which they give.

For the guidance of the Board and its officers in carrying forward its operations, and of applicants and beneficiaries in their relation to the Board, and for the information of all interested in its work, the Board, as allowed by its charter, has adopted a constitution and by-laws, a copy of which is herewith submitted. The Board trusts that this constitution and by-laws will commend itself to the Synod.

It was the original intention and recommendation of the Synod, that the Classes become auxiliary to the Board of Education by carrying forward the work of Beneficiary Education through the Board, the Classes supplying the funds and designating the students to receive aid, and the Board paying the appropriation to the students, and taking their obligations. This method of working would leave the Classes entirely free to select their own students and fix the amount of the appro priation to each, and would have this added advantage of relieving them from taking the student's bond, as some if not all now do, and ensure the giving of an obligation more easily collectible, when there is failure on the part of the beneficiary to comply with the conditions of the obligation, and ensure more speedy collection; and further, would secure what is very desirable, uniformity throughout the Synod, and greater efficiency in the management of the cause of Beneficiary Education. With this object in view, the Board accordingly submits for your favorable action the following resolutions of recommendation:

1. "*Resolved*, That the Eastern Synod recommends to the Classes of the Synod, that they become auxiliary to the Board of Education, and co-operate with the Board by paying the funds they gather for Beneficiary Education into the treasury of the Board, and, when they so desire to do, designating the students for the ministry to receive the benefit of these funds, but allowing the Board to make the payments to the student in accordance with its rules, and to take and to hold the notes of the beneficiaries for the aid given them.

2. "*Resolved*, That the Eastern Synod commends this method of carrying forward the work of Beneficiary Education to the Classes as being in harmony with the original intention and purpose of the Synod in the creation of the Board of Education, and designed to secure uniformity and harmony in this work, and the best results, and so to give the largest measure of satisfaction to the Church, and to the friends of this cause.

The financial transactions of the Board are presented in the annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. John Hertzler, Lancaster, Pa., who is also Treasurer of the Lancaster Trust Company. This report, a copy of which is herewith submitted, was presented to the Board at the annual meeting in May; and it is the intention of the Board to send this annual report from year to year to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. LICHLITER, *Secretary*.

John Hertzler, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States: From May 14, 1896, to May 11, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Interest and discount from investments		$ 566 66
St. Luke's Church, North Wales, Pa	20 00	
Christ Evangelical Church, Philadelphia	54 66	
St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa	30 00	
Egypt Charge, Allentown, Pa	25 00	
Zion's Charge, Allentown, Pa	25 00	
Lebanon Classis, Funk, Treasurer	10 00	
First Reformed Church, Easton, Pa	20 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis, T. O.Stem, Treasurer	750 00	
		919 66
Proceeds of Note, Lancaster Trust Co	295 35	
Note paid by Theo. Appel	300 00	
Cash advanced by Theo. Appel	115 00	710 35
		$2,196 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to the beneficiaries of the Board	$750 75	
Paid to the beneficiaries of the Classis of East Pennsylvania—Receipts	750 00	1,500 75

Notes and Interest:		
Lancaster Trust Co.	300 00	
Theo. Appel	101 00	
Theo. Appel	103 00	504 00
Cash advanced—Theo. Appel		115 00
Expenses:		
Theo. Appel, salary and railroad fare to Phila.	23 75	
Treasurer, expenses to Phila., securing papers	4 43	
Railroad fare Board meeting	16 92	
H. L. Trout, books	13 75	
Expenses attending Fisher audit	8 11	66 96
Balance of cash on hand		$ 9 96
		$2,196 67

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HERTZLER,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned Committee appointed to audit the above account, have compared it with the vouchers and find it correct; we have examined the securities in hand, have checked them off the list furnished May 21, 1896, by the Executrix of the Charles G. Fisher estate, and find them as entered on the Treasurer's account.

H. M. KIEFFER,
JNO. P. STEIN,
ELLIS N. KREMER,
Auditing Committee.

LANCASTER, May 13, 1897.

(d)—Report of Committee on Potomac Synod's Professor's House.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee, appointed to secure design, and superintend construction of a house for the use of the Professor of the Potomac Synod, beg leave to report that they have erected a substantial brick house, suitable for the purpose, on a fifty-foot lot, purchased by the Board of Trustees from Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel.

The contract price of the building, including all material and labor, was $3,814. Contributions have been received from various sources, amounting to $1,314.

As the title to the lot and house is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, they have advanced $2,500, on which, as rental, the occupant of the house shall pay 5 per cent. interest, until provision be made for the return of the principal invested.

As the work entrusted to your committee has been completed, they respectfully submit this as their final report.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Chairman.*

We have audited the accounts of the President and Treasurer of the Building Committee, and find the same correct as stated in the annexed report.

GEO. N. FORNEY,
S. N. HENCH.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1897.

(dd)—Report of Theological Seminary Building Committee.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee beg leave to submit the following as their final report:

During the past summer, by an order of the city of Lancaster, the janitor's house, belonging to the Theological Seminary, was removed to make way for the opening of a new street. Under the direction of your committee, a new house for the use of the janitor has been constructed on a lot adjoining the Seminary grounds, purchased by the Board of Trustees. The building has just been completed, at a cost of $1,325, paid by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, mainly out of funds received from the City of Lancaster, as damages for the property appropriated by the city.

Your committee are much pleased to report further that the entire indebtedness upon the Seminary buildings has been cancelled. A financial statement, giving the cost of grounds and buildings, and a summary of receipts, appeared in the report of your committee two years ago.

A small list of unpaid subscriptions is still in the hands of your committee, and as some of these pledges will be paid, sooner or later, your committee suggest that the chairman be authorized to take charge of all unsettled accounts, and that whatever may be secured from this source be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

The report of the Theological Seminary Building Committee was read and adopted, and the committee was duly authorized to collect unpaid subscriptions and pledges and pay the same into the hands of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

(e)—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present the following report on behalf of Franklin and Marshall College:

The enrollment of students during the past year has been as follows: Graduate Students, 2; Seniors, 31; Juniors, 56; Sophomores, 33; Freshmen, 44; Special Students, 12; total, 178.

The following students received the degree of A.B. at the late commencement: John Wilson Albertson, Charles Grosh Baker, Walter Melot Bertolet, William Schaeffer Bertolet, Allen Klein Faust, Harry Milton Foglesonger, Howard Gurney Fretz, Sydney Jacob Hartman, Charles Elmer Hower, Charles Thomson Isenberger, Howard Augustus Keiser, Robert Miller Kern, John Joseph Knappenberger, Calvin Weiss Lawfer, William Franklin Long, Henry Hiester Manwiller, Jesse Eugene Mateer, John Daniel Meyer, Charles Elwood Overholser, Charles Brady Pennypacker, Charles Bernard Rebert, Harry Harbaugh Rupp, Frederick Augustus Rupp, Jacob Edgar Scheetz, Charles Patterson Stahr, Edgar Nelson Transeau, Scott Raymond Wagner, William Winfred Walter, Howard Dare White, Harry Baker Yohn, Clarence Edgar Zimmerman.

The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon Ambrose Cort, Arthur A. Heller, and Rev. Luther D. Reed, of the class of '92; Rev. Ernest E. Weaver, class of '93; Harry N. Haas, Harvey W. Metzler, J. Frank Meyer, Edward L. Pontz, and William F. Ziegler, of the class of '94.

The degree of A.M. for work done and the presentation of a thesis was conferred upon Eugene H. Bobb, of the class of '95.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: The degree of D.D. upon the Rev. John W. Steinmetz, of Reading, Pa.; the degree of LL.D. upon the Hon. John D. Livingston, of Lancaster, Pa.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was, upon the recommendation of the Faculty and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, conferred upon the Rev. C. Clifton Clark, of Elizabeth, N. J.; the Rev. E. Ranson Deatrick, of

Woodbury, Md.; and the Rev. William I. Stewart, of Baltimore, Md.

The number of new students admitted at the beginning of the present year is as follows: Seniors, 1; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 36; students taking a partial course, 7; total, 51.

The financial results of the year's operations is fully as encouraging as could be expected. A good deal of damage was done to the College building, the Observatory, and the Academy building, by the heavy storm last autumn, and a great many trees on the campus were blown down or broken. The expenses for necessary repairs were, therefore, heavier than usual. The outlay for necessary apparatus and material in the Scientific Department was also greatly increased on account of the large number of students. The Committee on Grounds and Buildings expended $2,858.61 in permanent improvements, which amount was provided for by moneys paid into the treasury by the Savings and Loan Association. Not counting these permanent improvements, the expenditures apparently exceeded the income from investments and contingent fees by $1,168.79; but, as there is interest due the Treasurer to the amount of $1,030, there was an actual deficit of $138.79.

The College received notice of three important gifts during the past year. The first is a bequest by the late Daniel Black, Esq., of Easton, Pa., in the form of a residuary interest in his estate after the death of a nephew and niece, Howard P. Kinzey and Mary B. Kinzey. The second is the magnificent gift of a new Library building, to be called the Watts de Peyster Library, by General J. Watts de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y. The third is a bequest by Mr. Peter Kerlin, of St. Thomas, Pa., of a portion of his estate to constitute the Peter Kerlin Library Fund.

Extensive improvements have been made during the past summer in Harbaugh Hall and the Academy building. The management in both institutions has also been changed. The buildings are in better condition, the accommodations are greatly improved, and a larger degree of comfort is therefore assured to the students than ever before. The Academy has passed into new hands; T. G. Helm and E. M. Hartman, both of them graduates of the College, thorough scholars and expe-

rienced teachers, having taken charge at the beginning of the present year. There are upwards of forty new students in attendance, and it is confidently believed that the Academy now offers superior advantages, both with respect to physical comforts, thorough instruction, and moral and religious training.

The teaching force of the College remains substantially the same as last year. The only exception is that Prof. C. Nevin Heller has obtained leave of absence for the year to prosecute graduate studies in Cornell University, and his place is meanwhile filled by Prof. Ambrose Cort, whose scholarship and success as a teacher are favorably known.

The Financial Secretary of the College, the Rev. A. M. Schmidt, has been prosecuting his work with unwearied industry and zeal. A great deal of preparatory work has been done, and some very good subscriptions have been taken. But, because of the discouraging financial situation, comparatively few pastors have seen their way clear to open their charges for a thorough canvass. Now, however, as the financial outlook is brightening and the industrial condition of the country improving, it is hoped that room will be made during the present year for thorough and effective work in the field.

The great need of the College now is a new Scientific building, with room for Laboratories, Museums, etc. A number of liberal-minded gentlemen have subscribed generously for this special purpose, and the enterprise is most heartily commended to the liberality of the Church and the friends of our institution. The situation is such that strenuous efforts to bring this undertaking to a speedy completion, and to increase the endowment fund, must be continued during the coming year; and in behalf of this work we would earnestly bespeak your sympathy, your prayers, and your earnest co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

LANCASTER, PA., OCT. 2, 1897.

(ee)—Report of Endowment Committee of F. and M. College.

In item 1, in the report on Minutes of Synod, attention is directed to the appointment of a committee to assist in carrying forward the work of endowment of F. & M. College. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: Your committee on the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, respectfully reports, that at the call of the Financial Secretary of the College, a meeting of the committee was held in St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., Nov. 23, 1896. The undersigned was elected chairman, and Rev. George B. Walbert, secretary. Six of the Classes were represented. Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, the member for Lehigh Classis having been dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, the vacancy caused thereby was filled by the appointment of Rev. Geo. B. Smith, of Kutztown, Pa.

After considerable discussion as to methods or plans for the prosecution of the work assigned the committee, it was *Resolved*, That the several members of the committee without delay meet the members of their respective Classical committees and arrange for the vigorous prosecution of the work, opening charges for canvass by the Financial Secretary of the College, the Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

In reply to a circular letter sent out last week by the chairman, calling for a report of work done in the several Classes, answers were received from ten of the twelve members. These all, without exception, set forth the fact, that the Classes are in sympathy with the work, and have appointed committees to co-operate with Synod's committee and the Financial Secretary.

We regret to report, that in view of the great financial stress during the past few years, not much has been accomplished in the way of gathering money. Some preliminary work, however, has been done, and we, as a committee, look hopefully to the future.

We rejoice greatly that one subscription of $1,000 has been received from a worthy elder of East Susquehanna Classis, and regard it as a presage of what we may look for in the future.

We beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod hereby urgently requests all friends of the College within its bounds, to keep the importance of the work of its further endowment prominently before the hearts and minds of our people, to urge liberal gifts, and to

render all possible assistance toward the attainment of the end in view. Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*

MILTON, PA., Oct. 20, 1897.

(f)—Communication from Field Secretary of F. and M. College.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

By reason of the increased number of students attending Franklin and Marshall College, the present facilities for work are altogether inadequate, and perhaps no department calls more loudly for help than the department of the sciences. A scientific building with large recitation rooms, laboratories and work tables, is an imperative necessity. In order that this building may be erected very soon, the three Synods under whose control the College stands, are respectfully overtured to take such action as will secure a science building for the College. The plan proposed is, that a science building be erected in three sections, covering the departments of Chemistry, Physics and Natural Sciences, and that each of the three Synods be requested to provide one section of the building. According to plans deemed adequate to present and future needs, the central section of this building will be three stories with basement, the third story for the museum and the two end sections two stories with basement. The estimated cost of the entire buildings is $35,00 to $42,000, i. e., the central section costing $18,000, and the end sections to cost about $12,000 each. The Eastern Synod is respectfully overtured to provide the central section.

The Pittsburgh Synod, at its late annual sessions, pledged itself to raise $12,000 for the erection of an end section of the building.

The Field Secretary respectfully suggests that this amount, $18,000, be divided among the several Classes of Eastern Synod, and be requested to take immediate action through their Classical committees towards securing the funds. Individuals might be induced to subscribe in liberal sums, so that the general canvass of the congregations be reserved for the Endowment Fund of the College.

Trusting that your reverend body will take some action favorable to the proposed work, and that through the Synodi-

cal and Classical committees this work may be speedily accomplished, I am, Yours in fellowship,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,

Field Secretary Franklin and Marshall College.

II.—Report of Committee on College and Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on College and Theological Seminary presented its report on Monday afternoon. It was taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to report the following:

The papers placed in our hands were (1) The report of the Board of Visitors, and (2) The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; (3) The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary; (4) The report of Committee on Potomac Synod's Professor's House; (5) The report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod, with copy of constitution and by-laws; (6) The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of the institution; (7) A communication from the Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that 56 students received instruction in the Seminary during the year. Of these, seventeen were members of the Junior class, twelve were in the Middle Class, and twenty-seven were in the Senior class, this being the largest class in the history of the institution. The members of the Senior class, having completed the prescribed course of study, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, were awarded the usual testimonial at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. The students maintained a high average grade. Of their faithfulness in study, their good deportment and their spiritual preparation for the duties of their high calling, the professors bear testimony. Three ministers of the Gospel, graduates of the Seminary, having completed the post-graduate course of study, approved by the Board of Visitors, were, on recommendation of the Faculty and Board of Visitors, awarded the honorary title of Bachelor of Divinity by the Trustees of the College.

2. The Board of Trustees held two meetings during the year. At the annual meeting in May, a committee was appointed to confer with the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College relative to the four and a half acres of land on which stand two of the Seminary professors' houses. The Building Committee of the DePeyster Library building having encroached upon the Seminary ground by locating thereon a part of the new building, the Board granted permission for the work to proceed, the consideration therefor to be determined later. The matter is still in the hands of a committee.

The following bequests were received during the year, viz: Fifty dollars from the estate of Justina E. Gerhard, of Lancaster; five hundred dollars from the estate of Mrs. Catherine Dickel, of Harrisburg; and three hundred dollars from Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, toward the Seminary Building Fund.

A triangular plot of ground was purchased by the Board for $1,600, whereby the line on Pine street was straightened, a lot secured for the janitor's building, and by the sale of a portion of the lot, the entire net cost to Seminary was reduced to $785.75. The Seminary building was reported as having been completed and the entire cost provided for. Synod is requested to apportion $300 toward salary of Professor of Elocution and $60 for supplemental course of instruction in Missions.

3. From the report of the Treasurer we learn, that there are funds in his hands to the amount of $153,817.39. Of this amount, $5,000 is the Smaltz Fund; $1,819.96, Library Fund; $29,623.19, Pittsburgh Synod's Professor's Fund; $2,000.75, Church History Fund; $410.47, Sacred Rhetoric Fund; $833.-33, William A. Wilt Fund; $1,000, Jacob Forney Fund (Library Alcove); $15,680, John Riegel Fund; $1,000, Henry Wirt Fund; $750, Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., in trust; $981, Seminary class, 1894, Fund, and $94,718.69, Endowment Fund.

4. We learn from the report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod, that its income during year for the purpose of beneficiary education amounted to $2,196.67, and that $2,186.71 were expended, leaving a cash balance in the treasury of $9.96.

The Board has prepared a new constitution and by-laws for the better conduct of the business committed to them.

5. The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall

College indicates that the institution is in a prosperous condition; that 178 students were enrolled during the year, and that 31 were graduated last June, all of whom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three important gifts were received, viz: a bequest from the late Daniel Beck, Esq., of Easton, Pa.; a new library building, by General Watts de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y.; and a bequest by the late Mr. Peter Kerlin, of St. Thomas, Pa.

The communication of the Field Secretary suggests that the three Synods join in a movement looking to the erection of a Natural Science Building, and asks that this Synod assume the amount of $18,000, the proposed cost of the central portion of the new building.

In view of all the facts before us, your committee respectfully offer the following for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, 1, That we hereby express our devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings bestowed on our institutions of learning during the past year.

Resolved, 2, That we record our approval of the work of the committee appointed to secure a design and superintend the construction of a house for the use of the professor of the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, 3, That the Synod assume the $125 asked toward salary of Professor in Elocution, and $60 for supplemental course of instruction in Missions, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to apportion the same upon the Classes.

Resolved, 4, That Synod heartily approves the action of the Board of Education in preparing a new constitution and by-laws, and hereby adopts the resolutions of recommendation contained in their report.

Resolved, 5, That the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College be earnestly recommended to the Classes and charges of this Synod, and that the Synodical and Classical Committees be urged to co-operate with the financial secretary in its prosecution; and further, that the pastors be requested to open their charges for the presentation of the claims of the College, and a canvass in its behalf wherever practicable.

Resolved, 6, That this Synod heartily approves of the erection of a Natural Science Building, and that it hereby assume the raising of $18,000, for the erection of the central section of the proposed edifice, by the Financial Secretary within the

bounds of this Synod, with the co-operation of the Synodical and Classical Committees.

Resolved, 7, That we are highly gratified to learn of the recent bequests to the Seminary Endowment Fund and Seminary Building Fund, from the estate of Miss Justina E. Gerhard, late of Lancaster, Pa.; from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and from Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, Pa.; and of the bequest to Franklin and Marshall College by the late Daniel Black, Esq., of Easton, Pa., and that by Mr. Peter Kerlin, of St. Thomas, Pa. We fondly trust that their example may be emulated by many other members of the Church.

Resolved, 8, That we have learned with great pleasure of the magnificent gift to Franklin and Marshall College of a new library building by General J. Watts de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y.; and that this Synod hereby records its high appreciation of his liberality and his interest in this important institution of learning.

Inasmuch as the educational institutions of our Synod constitute one of the chief agencies for meeting the spiritual and intellectual wants of our people, and since the mutual interests of our schools and their Synodical constituents require that the schools and the people be brought into closer touch and sympathy; therefore,

Resolved, 9, That a committee be appointed, composed of the Presidents respectively of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Academy, who shall prepare a booklet, defining the status of these schools in their relation to the Synod and the several Classes comprising the same, the expense of publishing said booklet to be borne by the above-named institutions.

Resolved, 10, That they set forth therein the peculiar claims of these schools under the control of this Synod upon the membership of the Reformed Church and the reciprocal relations which the people and the schools sustain to one another.

Resolved, 11, That they set forth therein the existing needs of the several schools, and present such information and instruction as in their judgment may best subserve the interests of the schools and the various causes which they represent.

Resolved, 12, That the booklet thus prepared be com-

mended to the attention of the several Classes, and to the pastors and the people within the bounds of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, M. S. RICHARDS,

I. M. SCHAEFFER, CHAS. L. HOTTENSTEIN.

Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, whose term of office as a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College having expired, was re-elected for a term of ten years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: In looking over the past year, we must make grateful acknowledgment of the grace of God bestowed on all the churches under our care, showing itself in numerical growth and in spiritual gain.

Until lately, nearly all our missions in the East have been regularly served, but at present we must report several vacancies. The Hungarian missions at Mt. Carmel, Pa., and Trenton, N. J., the missions at Harrisonburg, Va., Roanoke, Va., and Allentown, Pa., are all without pastors.

As usual, the report of the Treasurer, John J. Nissley, which is herewith given, will greatly help you to understand the work of the year. It shows that the amount of money received from these two Synods for missions during the past year is larger* than that of the former year by over $3,200. The increase came as follows: From the Eastern Synod, on apportionment, nearly $500; from the Synod of the Potomac, on apportionment, over $2,300; and from miscellaneous sources, nearly $400. The special offerings of our loyal people in answer to the loud call of the General Board last Easter were large, and they greatly helped to relieve the treasury; but not-

*Attention is called to a footnote in the Treasurer's report, which states that soon after the account for the year was closed, over $3,100 more came to hand. This ray of sunshine brightens the case very much.

withstanding this large help, so heartily given and so much appreciated, the treasury of the General Board still has a deficit of over $10,000. The special effort at Easter was followed by a natural reaction, and the income of the summer months has been small, so that we are again in danger of a financial embarrassment which may work hardship to our faithful missionaries and their people.

This is our only drawback. All else is encouraging; and even this cloud, we trust, will soon pass away. Several promising missions in the East should be enrolled, but for the present the Board is unable to do so.

The Board continues to hold quarterly meetings for the oversight of the work committed to it, and its recommendations to the General Board are nearly all approved. Thus the items of business presented from time to time are well considered before final action is taken.

Three legacies have been received during the year, as follows: From the estate of Charles Hottenstein, of Northumberland county, Pa., $185, the interest of which is to be used for missions; from the estate of Miss Susan M. Pontius, of Mifflinburg, Pa., $3,000, partial payment of a Church-building Fund; and from the estate of Miss Sarah Johnson, of York, Pa., $5,888.25. Of this last legacy the Board has gratefully set apart $1,000, to be known as the Sarah and Elizabeth Johnson Church-building Fund, and $1,000, to be known as the Rev. and Mrs. John Cares Church-building Fund. The balance will be held as an ordinary investment.

One very important thing which we beg you to bring to the attention of our people again during the present sesqui-centennial period, is the raising of the Schlatter Memorial Fund of $100,000, for the building of churches for our missions in large cities. We trust that the Synods will, by suitable action, again commend this work to our people, and that consistories will cheerfully assist in making it a success.

This brief outline of the work of the year can give but a faint idea of the many agencies and sympathies and prayers and toils involved therein. All this we humbly commit to our blessed Lord, whose we are and whom we serve.

We yet add that the term of Rev. J. F. Moyer and Rev. G. A. Whitmore, as members of the Board from the Potomac Synod, expires with this meeting of Synod; and also the term

of all the members of the Board from the Eastern Synod, namely, Revs. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Dr. E. N. Kremer, T. J. Hacker, Dr. H. M. Kieffer, T. O. Stem, and Elders J. J. Nissley and C. M. Bower.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

E. N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

II.—Report of the Treasurer.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,948 78	
Tohickon Classis	839 36	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,485 49	
East Pennsylvania Classis	924 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,456 08	
Lancaster Classis	1,071 85	
Schuylkill Classis	998 48	
East Susquehanna Classis	853 65	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,040 45	
Lehigh Classis	841 10	
Wyoming Classis	524 00	
Reading Classis	1,571 75	$13,554 99

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis	$2,611 18	
Mercersburg Classis	1,371 60	
Juniata Classis	1,826 51	
Carlisle Classis	866 56	
Zion's Classis	478 62	
Gettysburg Classis	275 00	
Virginia Classis	300 00	
North Carolina Classis	140 48	$ 7,869 95

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Theological Students, Lancaster, Pa.	$ 21 66
Mrs. Adalaid F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	20 00
Infant Department Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa.	3 34
B. Schmitt, Woostock, Va.	50 00
Misses A. and L. Stucker, Harrisburg, Pa.	6 00
C. C. Line, Marquette, Neb.	2 00
Sunday-school, Hill church, Lebanon Co., Pa.	4 80
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt. special offerings	1,440 31
Love Circle, King's Daughters, 3d Ch., Baltimore	10 00
G. H. O. Delph, Reading, Pa.	10 00
Rev. Rufus W. Miller	15 00
Miss M. A. Myers, Clintondale, Pa.	3 18
St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, Md.	24 34
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.	82 62
Reformed Church at Lovettsville, Va.	11 75
Daniel Schaffner, Tr. Eastern Synod. Interest Gerhart Fund	9 68
St. Paul's Reformed S. S., Fort Washington, Pa.	10 00
Church and S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va.	10 00
Church and S. S., Hummelstown, Pa.	15 00

W. M. S. Eastern Synod, bequest of Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz	75 00	
Blank, per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt.	100 00	
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Lancaster	25 00	
Class No. 3 S. S., Fort Washington, Pa.	4 35	
Busy Bee Mission Band, Church of Ascension, Norristown, Pa.	20 00	
S. S. Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.	35 00	
W. M. S. of Eastern Synod	950 00	2,959 03
		$24,383 97

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board..	$24,383 97

Note:—It is due to the Synods to add that soon after the report was audited I received in addition to the above from the Eastern Synod, about $2,500, and from the Synod of the Patomac about $625.

J. J. N.

II. Designated Moneys.

Schuylkill Classis for Rev T. J. Bower	100 00	
C. E. Soc., Hummelstown, Pa., for 4th church, Harrisburg, Pa.	10 00	
Schuylkill Classis for W. H. Herbert	76 00	
W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Rev. H. W. Bright..	12 00	
Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz for Michael Schlatter Fund.	5 00	
Emanuel's S. S., Hazleton, for Salisbury, N. C...	5 00	
East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.	458 32	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. McNairy	83 33	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Halshouser	75 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Lyerly	25 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Murphy	10 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis., for Calvary Mission Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20 00	
Pleasantville, Pa., for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa.	20 00	
East Vincent for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa....	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. F. B. Hahn	25 00	
" " " Rev. E. B. Lyttle	25 00	
" " " Rev. T. R. Dietz	25 00	
" " " Rev. H. Y. Stoner	40 63	
" " " Faith Mission, Reading	300 00	
Lebanon Classis for Avon Mission	120 00	$ 1,495 28
Schuylkill Classis for Chicago mission	15 35	
Reading Classis for Chicago mission	31 00	
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago mission...	18 00	
Lebanon Classis for Chicago mission	5 00	
Philadelphia Classis for Chicago mission	8 08	
W. M. S. Watsontown, Pa., for Chicago mission.	5 00	
Zwingli C. E. Soc. Trinity Ch., Pottsville, Pa., for Chicago mission	10 00	
Ref'd. Church, Fort Washington, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	
Ref'd. Ch., Shamokin, Pa., for Chicago mission	25 10	
Ref'd. Salem, Harrisb'g, Pa., for Chicago mission	15 00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago mission	28 00	
Trinity Church, Allentown, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	

1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance due the Treasurer.....	8 08	178 61

HUNGARIAN MISSION.

From John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	139 00	
" Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	388 20	
" Edgar Slagel, Treas. Synod of the Patomac	46 88	
" J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	17 48	
" Virginia Classis	35 00	
" Carlisle Classis	27 00	
" Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
" Juniata Classis	25 00	778 56

HARBOR MISSION.

From J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod....	39 00	
" Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	139 63	
" Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod of the Potomac	33 00	
" Zion's Classis	7 35	
" Mercersburg Classis	20 00	
" Carlisle Classis	11 46	
" Juniata Classis	25 00	275 44
		$ 2,727 89

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Paid as designated.....	$1,495 28	
" for Chicago Mission.....	178 61	
" for Hungarian Missions.....	778 56	
" for Harbor Mission.....	275 44	$2,727 89

III.—Church Building.

1896.		
Sept. 26. Balance in treasury.....		$2,689 64

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Tohickon Classis.....	$274 91	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	238 00	
Lebanon Classis.....	214 25	
Schuylkill Classis.....	216 00	
Reading Classis.....	190 91	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	109 55	
Lancaster Classis.....	223 07	
		$1,466 69

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Carlisle Classis.....	$100 27	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer.....	41 33	
		$141 60

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Wyoming Classis Fund.....	$43 00	
Catechumen Fund.....	170 69	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund.....	25 17	
W. M. S. Lebanon Classis Fund.....	85 58	
Freeland G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00	
		$424 44

LOANS REPAID.

From Faith Mission, Baltimore.....	$300 00	
" Grace Church, Abilene, Kansas.....	200 00	
Hungarian Church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	300 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.....	62 00	
Revs. C. Clever and C. W. Levan, Baltimore, Md.	1,500 00	
First Church, Steelton, Pa.....	100 00	

Ballard, Wash., mortgage	400 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	200 00	
		$3,062 00
		$7,784 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, apportionment for church building	$1,608 29	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer, re-payment of loan to South Norwalk, Conn.	300 00	
Loan to Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,000 00	
" " Harrisonburg, Va., Mission	500 00	
" " Salisbury, N. C., Mission	500 00	
" " Onebaugh Jones, et al., Timberville, Va., charge	175 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury	2,701 08	
		$7,784 37

IV.—Legacy Account.

1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in the treasury, Fisher bequest		$200 00
Charles Hottenstein, Northumberland county, Pa.	$185 00	
Miss Susan M. Pontius, Mifflinburg, Pa.	3,000 00	
Miss Sarah Johnson, York, Pa.	5,888 25	
		$9,073 25
		$9,273 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loan to Bridgeport, Conn., Mission	$2,000 00	
Special deposit Hummelstown National Bank	5,000 00	
Loan to C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension	1,000 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury	1,273 25	
		$9,273 25

V.—Interest Account.

1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in the treasury		$253 67
Hungarian Church, South Norwalk, Conn.	$50 00	
Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.	18 00	
St. James' Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	5 33	
St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore, Md.	20 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	132 00	
Grace Church, Abilene, Kas.	82 60	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	38 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	12 00	
St. Paul's Church, Roanoke, Va.	71 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.	10 00	
Dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	37 50	
First Church, Royersford, Pa.	20 00	
Interest on Jacob Wagner legacy	100 00	
Mrs. L. C. Seidel	90 00	
Christ Church, Lykens, Pa.	10 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board	165 00	
Wyoming Classis Scranton bond	10 00	
Ballard Washington mortgage	28 00	$899 43
		$1,153 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donation to Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	$300 00	
For taxes and fire insurance	76 45	

First quarter's appropriation to Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, Winchester, Va.	62 50	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer, interest on loan South Norwalk, Conn.	37 50	
Traveling expenses of the Board, postage and stationery	96 02	
Salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer	150 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury	430 63	
		$1,153 10

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 23d, 1897.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated. We notice in the published Minutes of the Eastern Synod (1896), that the balance in treasury for Church Building is printed $2,698.64, which should be $2,689.64.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 27th, 1897.

III.—Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting to your reverend body our annual statement of the progress and condition of our Foreign Mission work, we would be remiss did we fail, first of all to record with thankful hearts, the gracious care and blessing vouchsafed us by a favoring Providence.

The past year records a history of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties in the work of Christian Missions. With the field never before so inviting for aggressive movements, and the door of opportunity never so widely thrown open, a forward movement has been held in arrest by a growing shortage of means. This is true of both the Home and Foreign work. So distressing has the hindrance proved, as not only to forbid advance movement, but even to threaten the necessity of abandoning advantages already gained. This evil has been widely felt among the Churches, nor has our own entirely escaped. This is true especially of our Home work, as we all sadly know. It is therefore with profound gratitude to God that our Foreign Board is able to say that it finds itself, in large part, a surprising exception to this wide-spread experience. A few months ago the outlook for it was unpromising. But the good Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of our people, so that our work is going uninterruptedly forward. This, of

course, does not imply that we have made any advance in the accumulation of means for the planting of a new Mission in China. Provision for that yet remains to be made.

The progress of evangelization in Japan has not been, for the last few years, as marked as we could desire. The people are absorbed in their political affairs. Their victory over China has served to inflame them with a spirit of ambition and ultra-nationality, and they are disinclined to give heed to the interests of religion. Many who have professed Christianity are led astray, and not a few have fallen away. This will account for the fact that, although accessions by baptism are quite encouraging, the number of active church members shows but little increase.

One of the material causes of this evil is the want of a sufficient number of really efficient native evangelists. While our Tohoku Gakuin is yearly sending out good young men, many besides have to be employed who fail in efficiency. To dismiss these last, would be to close some preaching stations. Hence they are retained until better men can be secured. This serves in a telling manner, to emphasize the importance of our Training School.

With the expansion of our work, another want is making itself more keenly felt. These Japanese evangelists are mostly young men, but recently converted from heathenism. They are comparatively "babes in Christ," and it is not strange that they need, in their fields, the oversight of our missionaries. They should be frequently visited by our American Christians. This our missionaries do, even beyond their strength. Only two of them, however, devote their full time to evangelistic work, viz: Revs. Dr. Moore and Miller. The rest of them are engaged in teaching in the school. But what are two men in a territory 700 miles long by 200 wide? This branch of our work will need to be reinforced in the near future. The arrangement by which it was expected to locate our missionaries at different points in our extended field, has been but partially effected. Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an admirable work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a Chapel; and having been appointed Principal of the Evangelistic Work, will travel widely in the northern part of our field, giving special attention to Yamagata. Rev.

S. S. Snyder having been appointed Treasurer of the Industrial Home, cannot as yet be spared from Sendai.

Our two Schools are in a prosperous condition. During the last year there were 147 students in the Tohoku Gakuin, of whom 56 are Christians, and 21 of them theological students, of whom eight graduated. Eleven students were baptized during the year. Nearly all of the non-Christians, are new students. The Girls' School had 57 scholars last year, and is going prosperously forward. During a recent violent earthquake, two of the younger scholars were seriously injured, but are now about recovered.

During the year, two additional missionaries have been sent to the field: Mr. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh. Mr. Gerhard is unordained, and takes the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin. This chair was established to relieve the teachers of other branches, and to afford them more time for the study of the Japanese language. Miss Rohrbaugh goes into the Girls' School as an additional teacher, as it is found that the labors of the other two ladies were too great. The Board was enabled to send her out by the W. M. S. G. S. assuming the cost, as also her support.

As already intimated, the finances of the Board are at the present time in a fairly comfortable condition. We have but little or no embarrassing indebtedness. This condition, however, can be maintained only by a full payment of the apportionment named by General Synod. Our work is increasing every year, and so, of course, are our expenses. Of the $35,000 apportioned by General Synod, $30,000 are estimated for the Japan work, and $5,000 for a new Mission in China. For the Japan work we will need that sum. We would, therefore, most respectfully ask your reverend body to take such action as will assure for us your Synod's share of the full sum. You will please notice that $30,000 for a membership of over 225,000 is exceedingly small. Should the Church furnish the Board with the additional $5,000, it will hasten to take steps to plant the new Mission.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Sept. 1, 1897.

IV.—Report of Publishing Committee of the Sunday School and Mission Boards.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In behalf of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday School Work, we beg leave to report that the favorable action taken by your reverend body, respecting Reformed Church Tidings, was loyally and generally accepted by our congregations. The paid circulation during the first year exceeded 25,000 copies. The advertising receipts were good, considering the fact that an advertising medium must be established before it gains the confidence and receives the patronage of the advertiser.

Starting without capital or experience, it could hardly be expected that Tidings would pay its way the first year. But the financial statement herewith given shows that within the next year or so the paper can be made at least self-supporting. The money advanced by the several Boards has actually been earned by the increased offerings flowing in, and the enlarged business of the Sunday School Board.

Abstract of Account.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Printing, posting, office expense		$5170.89
Salaries and commissions		2115.36
		$7286.25

RECEIPTS.

From subscriptions		$2547.55
From advertising		1672.49
From advertising earned and not paid		799 35
From advertising contracted for and not earned		322.90
From guardian list		11.60
Advanced as a loan from Board of Home Missions	$525	
Board of Foreign Missions	500	
Sunday School Board	700	1725.00
		$7078.89

NOTE.—The value of the good will and subscription list, furniture, etc., is not included in the assets, although they are worth considerable; neither are the amounts due on advance payments to the "Missionary Guardian," subscriptions of which were paid by copies of "Tidings" furnished. The expenses also cover a period of thirteen months.

It is proper to report that plans have been adopted to materially reduce the running expenses in the matter of salaries, printing, etc.

Renewals and new subscriptions are being received daily in encouraging numbers. It would seem that there is no doubt that the paper has won a warm place in the hearts of our people. Ministers and church members alike have expressed themselves as delighted with it, and have assured us of the great good it is doing.

The fact can be stated that in sections of the Church where Tidings circulates most largely, the apportionments for missions are proportionately better paid by a number of charges.

To make Tidings self-supporting and a source of profit to the several Boards, it is necessary that the original plan be put into execution, viz: that so far as possible a copy be placed in every family in every congregation in the Church.

To this end we again respectfully request your reverend body to take such action as will bring the attention of the several Classes, the pastors and consistories of the various charges to the importance of devising ways and means to place Reformed Church Tidings into every family in the Church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman*, T. J. BARKLEY, D.D.,
C. S. GERHARD, D.D., *Secretary*, J. L. LEMBERGER,
S. N. CALLENDER, D.D., F. G. HOBSON.

READING, PA., October 18, 1897.

V.—A Communication from Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, held in Pittsburg, Pa., October 5, 1897, the following was adopted, to wit:

That the Board hereby appeals to the different English Synods to adopt measures to immediately relieve the Board of its pressing financial embarrassment, and, in order to do this, suggests that each Synod designate a day on which a special offering shall be taken in each of its congregations for the purpose of raising $10,000 over and above the apportionment for the current year, to meet a loan made at the meeting in July, 1897, to pay the missionaries.

That Superintendent A. C. Whitmer and Dr. E. N. Kremer be appointed to lay this action before the Eastern Synod.

J. A. PETERS, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

VI.—Report of Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions presented its report on Monday during the morning session. It was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

The Standing Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject the following documents were placed in the hands of your committee:

1. The report of the Board of Missions.

2. The report of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

3. A communication of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

From these papers we learn that the missions have been prosperous and show a growth in numbers and spiritually. During the past year the amount of money received has been over $3,200 larger than last year. Notwithstanding this fact, there is a debt resting on the Board, which, if not speedily removed, may seriously hinder the work.

Three legacies, amounting to $9,073.25, have been received, which we hope may be an encouragement to others to give of their abundance towards the extension of Christ's church.

In view of the foregoing,

Resolved, That Synod rejoices to hear of the prosperity attending the Home Mission work, and praise God for the same.

Resolved, That, in compliance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, in order to relieve the Board of its present indebtedness, we request the pastors of the various charges within the bounds of this Synod, to hold a special collection for this purpose, not later than the 10th day of December, 1897, and that the Super-

intendent of Missions be instructed to inform the pastors of this action.

Resolved, That we urge the Classes and congregations to cheerfully assist the Board in raising the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund of $100,000.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions was the only paper placed in the hands of your committee.

In view of what we have learned from that report, your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for the blessing which He has showered on our work in Japan.

2. *Resolved*, That we urge the Classes to make all proper effort to raise the full amount of the $15,000 apportioned upon this Synod, so that the Board may not be hampered by a debt.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod reiterates the action of last year in reference to the establishment of a mission in China, namely:

That we approve the suggestion to begin missionary work in China or some other country not yet occupied by our Church, whenever in the judgment of the Board the contributions for Foreign Missions will warrant such undertaking.

REFORMED CHURCH TIDINGS.

The report of the Publishing Committee of the *Reformed Church Tidings* has been referred to your committee, and in connection therewith offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it gives us pleasure to learn that *The Tidings* has been successfully established.

Resolved, That we reiterate the action of the last Synod in urgently requesting pastors and consistories to show their appreciation of the *Reformed Church Tidings* by making proper efforts to place a copy in every family represented in their congregations and Sunday-schools in their charges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALVIN REBER,
CHAS. E. WEHLER,
JOHN W. APPEL.

The following members of Synod were elected members of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States for a term of four years: Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., E. N. Kremer, D.D., Thos. J. Hacker, T. O. Stem, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Elders J. J. Nissley and C. M. Bower, Esq.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received.

The report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the item in the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod informing Synod of a vacancy in the Board, was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, to wit:

Report of Trustees of Synod.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present the following report:

The Board held its annual meeting in the office of Elder D. N. Schaeffer, Esq., Reading, Pa., on Monday, October 18th, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. The Treasurer submitted his report for the year. It was carefully audited and found correct. It shows a balance in his hands of $966.23 for Contingent Fund Eastern Synod; $11 for Calvin College; for interest on Professor's houses, $18; and for German Mission work, $21; a total of $1,016.23.

The Treasurer also holds $1,200 of the Cook legacy; a loan repaid by St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.; and received from Philip Sandt, executor of the estate of the late Christian Bender, of East Pennsylvania Classis, the sum of $950, the interest of which is to be applied to the "use of the missionary ministry salary." The Board has endeavored to find a good and safe investment for these several sums, but has so far failed.

The Board respectfully submits that, as instructed by Synod a year ago, it conferred, through its President, with the Board of Trustees of the Allentown College for Women, rela-

tive to the drawing up of articles of agreement for the sale and transfer of the property of said institution. It was, however, felt that the time had not yet come to do this. It is proper to say the Board of Trustees of the College promptly and cheerfully ratified the action of Synod convened at Bethlehem last fall, as touching the transfer of the College to the care of the Synod.

The committee appointed by the Synod to raise the money needed for the purchase of the College, paid over into the hands of your Treasurer during the year the sum of $639.65. In reference to the disposition of this money as it may be paid into the treasury, and which ought not to lie idle, your Board takes the liberty of submitting the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod that the money which is being collected for the purchase of the Allentown College for Women shall be paid towards that purpose as rapidly as suitable amounts are being collected, and that assignments of the securities, which are thus being paid off, be taken and held by Synod until the full amount of the purchase money shall be paid over and a proper conveyance of the property made, as is contemplated by the action of Synod of 1896.

The Board at present consists of the following members: Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1898; Elder D. N. Schaeffer, Esq., Reading, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1899; Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1900; Elder Louis Kramer, Reading, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1901; Elder Daniel Schaffner, Hoernerstown, Pa., whose term expires January 1, 1902.

The term of Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach expiring January 1, 1898, the Board presents the following persons as suitable candidates for nomination: Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., and Mr. Joseph A. Leinbach, of Reading, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN O. STEM,
President of the Board.

EASTON, PA., October 19, 1897.

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Contingent Expenses General Synod.

1896.		
Oct. 5. To balance in treasury		$7 00

Contingent Expenses Eastern Synod.

1896.		
Oct. 5. To balance in treasury		$1,130 14
Cr.		
Paid Rev. T. O. Stem, traveling expenses	$1 88	
Paid J. J. Nissley, traveling expenses	1 78	
Paid Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., chairman of Com. to defend Synod in appeal St. Stephen's Cons., Pottstown	2 80	
Paid Times Pub. Co., Bethlehem	1 00	
Paid Rev. C. D. Clever, D.D., Ex. bearing greetings Potomac Synod	5 00	
Paid Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., Ex. bearing greetings Pittsburgh Synod	17 25	
Paid Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D., Com. to suggest improved methods of conducting Synod	8 29	
Paid Rev. G. A. Schwedes, for use of church	25 00	
Paid Rev. G. A. Schwedes, for programs	5 00	
Paid Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Ex. to defend Synod before General Synod in Pottstown appeal	2 16	
Paid Rev. D. E. Schoedler, for services and expenses incurred in connection with Daniel Stein Memorial Home	6 30	
Paid for postage	1 00	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	150 00	
Paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D.D., expense attending Synod	6 50	$233 96
1897.		
Jan. 12. Balance in Treasury		$896 18

Seminary and Gerhart Funds.

1896. Dr.		
Oct. 5. Balance in Treasury Gerhart Fund	$11 00	
From J. J. Bishop, int. on Keifer Legacy	125 00	
" A. and L. Mountz, int. on Keifer Legacy.	112 50	
" St. John's Ref'd Ch., Lebanon, int. on Cooke Legacy	30 00	$278 50
Cr.		
Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Seminary	$237 50	
" " " " " " "	30 00	
Jan. 12. Balance in Treasury	11 00	$278 50

Hungarian Missions.

Rec'd from Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	$14 10
" from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Classis of Reading	3 00
" from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penn'a Classis	37 00
	$54 10

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Missions	$54 10

Harbor Missions.

From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	$6 00
" Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penn'a Classis	13 00
	$19 00

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Missions	$19 00

Calvin College.

Dr.

From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	$6 00

Cr.

Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treasurer	$6 00

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

Dr.

From Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	$9 00

Cr.

Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Seminary	$9 00

Home Missions.

East Pennsylvania Classis	124 00
Lebanon Classis	581 25
Philadelphia Classis	339 43
Lancaster Classis	401 26
East Susquehanna Classis	229 21
West Susquehanna Classis	340 88
Goshenhoppen Classis	335 64
Lehigh Classis	136 10
Schuylkill Classis	143 52
Wyoming Classis	144 86
Reading Classis	207 16
	$2,983 31

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$2,983 31

Church Building.

Dr.

From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Reading Classis	$15 00
" Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	2 00
	$17 00

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$17 00

Jan. 12, 1897, we, the undersigned auditors, do hereby report that we examined the foregoing account of Jno. J. Nissley, Ex-Treasurer of Eastern Synod, verified his vouchers, and found the same correct.

D. N. Schaeffer,
Daniel Schaffner.

Treasurer's Report.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Contingent Fund General Synod.

1897.	Dr.		
Jan. 14.	To balance in Treasury from former Treasurer, J. J. Nissley		$7 00
	Lancaster Classis	$114 00	
	East Pennsylvania Classis	90 00	
	Reading Classis	160 00	
	Tohickon Classis	156 00	
	West Susquehanna Classis	36 00	
	Schuylkill Classis	56 00	612 00
			$619 00
	Cr.		
	Paid C. G. Gross, Treas. General Synod		$619 00

Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.

1897.	Dr.		
Jan. 14.	To balance from J. J. Nissley, former Treasurer		$896 18
	Reading Classis	$49 00	
	Lancaster Classis	38 00	
	East Penn'a Classis	60 00	
	Tohickon Classis	52 00	
	West Susquehanna Classis	36 00	
	Schuylkill Classis	29 00	
	East Susquehanna Classis	56 60	
	Wyoming Classis	20 00	
	Lebanon Classis	76 00	$416 60
			$1,312 78
	Cr.		
	Paid traveling expenses, Rev. T. O. Stem	$3 76	
	Paid traveling expenses, J. J. Nissley	1 78	
	Paid traveling expenses, Daniel Schaffner	4 23	
	Paid postage and stationery	4 30	
	Paid Ref'd Church Pub. Board, printing Minutes of Synod	250 00	
	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, expediting Minutes of Synod, postage, etc	65 60	
	Paid Members of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary:		
	Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D.D	6 00	
	Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D	3 75	
	Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D	2 75	
	Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D	1 68	
	Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D	1 20	
	Rev. J. P. Stein	1 50	
1897.			
Oct. 14.	Balance in Treasury	966 23	$1,312 78

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

1897.	Dr.		
Jan. 14.	To balance from J. J. Nissley, former Treasurer		$11 00
	From H. Allaman, 12 mo. int. on Gerhart Fund	$18 00	
	From St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Cooke Legacy repaid	1,200 00	

From 7 mo. interest on same	35 00	
From J. J. Bishop, 12 mo. int. on $5,000 Keifer Legacy	250 00	
From A. & L. Mountz, 6 mo. int. on $4,500 Keifer Legacy	112 50	1,615 50
		$1,626 50

Cr.

Paid Joseph L. Lemberger, Treas. Foreign Missions, int. on Gerhart Fund	$9 66	
Paid John Hertzler, Treas. Board of Education, int. on Gerhart Fund	9 66	
Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions, int. on Gerhart Fund	9 68	
Paid John B. Roth, Treas., int. on Cooke Legacy	35 00	
Paid John B. Roth, Treas., int. on Keifer Legacy	362 50	
1897. Oct. 14. Balance in Treas., Cooke Legacy	1,200 00	$1,626 50

Hungarian Missions.

1897. Dr.

Reading Classis	$33 00	
Lancaster Classis	56 95	
East Pennsylvania Classis	49 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	43 50	
Schuylkill Classis	63 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	59 48	
Lebanon Classis	68 82	
Philadelphia Classis	42 95	
Goshenhoppen Classis	74 00	$490 70

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$490 70

Harbor Mission.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$9 00	
Lancaster Classis	15 15	
East Pennsylvania Classis	15 00	
Tohickon Classis	24 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	30 00	
Schuylkill Classis	18 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	18 85	
Lebanon Classis	24 30	
Wyoming Classis	18 00	
Philadelphia Classis	13 33	$185 63

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$185 63

Teacher of Elocution.

Dr.

Lebanon Classis	$3 00	
Wyoming Classis	6 00	$9 00

Cr.

Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Seminary	$9 00

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

DR.

Reading Classis	$26 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	42 00	
Schuylkill Classis	19 00	
Lebanon Classis	33 44	120 44

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary	$120 44

Calvin College.

DR.

Reading Classis	$11 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	30 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	18 00	
Schuylkill Classis	13 00	
Wyoming Classis	18 00	
Lebanon Classis	14 62	$104 62

CR.

Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treas	$93 62	
1897. Oct. 14. Balance in the Treasury	11 00	$104 62

Chicago Mission.

DR.

Reading Classis	$13 20	
West Susquehanna Classis	22 20	
Schuylkill Classis	11 75	
East Susquehanna Classis	4 50	
Wyoming Classis	6 50	$58 15

CR.

Paid Rev. J. M. Kindig, D.D	$58 15

Interest for Professor's Houses.

DR.

West Susquehanna Classis	$13 00	
Schuylkill Classis	5 00	$18 00

CR.

1897. Oct. 14. Balance in Treasury	$18 00

Home Missions.

DR.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,609 35	
Tohickon Classis	1,034 24	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,130 79	
East Pennsylvania Classis	900 00	
Lebanon Classis	984 83	
Schuylkill Classis	1,057 51	
Lancaster Classis	774 80	
East Susquehanna Classis	748 44	
West Susquehanna Classis	816 97	
Lehigh Classis	645 00	
Wyoming Classis	495 79	
Reading Classis	2,457 07	$12,654 79

CR.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$12,654 79

Church Building.

DR.

Lancaster Classis	$223 07	
Tohickon Classis	274 91	
Schuylkill Classis	136 62	
West Susquehanna Classis	238 00	
Lebanon Classis	214 25	
East Susquehanna Classis	162 55	
Reading Classis	91 91	$1,341 31

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$1,341 31

German Mission Work.

DR.

Schuylkill Classis	$21 00

1897. CR.

Oct. 14. Balance in the Treasury	$21 00

Allentown College for Women.

DR.

From M. L. Lerch, Freemansburg, Pa.	$100 00	
" Samuel S. Weaver, Freemansburg, Pa.	25 00	
" Amity congregation, Swamp charge	66 10	
" Howertown congregation	25 00	
" Boyertown charge	83 50	
" Schwenkville charge	50 00	
" Old Goshenhoppen charge	25 00	
" Paradise charge, Wyoming Classis	6 55	
" Rev. J. M. Knappenberger	158 50	
" Rev. M. H. Deifenderfer, Treas	100 00	$639 65

1897. CR.

Oct. 14. Balance in Treasury	$639 65

Legacy Account.

DR.

From Philip Sandt, executor of the estate of Christian Bender, late of East Pennsylvania Classis, the interest of which is to be applied to the use of the Missionary ministry, salary, etc.	$950 00

1897. CR.

Oct. 14. By balance in the Treasury	$950 00

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SCHAFFNER,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HOERNERSTOWN, PA., October 14th, 1897.

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees, to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer, and find the same correct.

Witness our hands this 18th day of October, A. D. 1897.

T. C. LEINBACH,
D. N. SCHAEFFER,
Auditors.

Report Respecting Apportionments.

In the report on Minutes of Classes, the several items 8 to 14, inclusive, under the general head of "Subjects Referred" were submitted to a special committee, which presented the following report on Tuesday during the morning session. The report was considered item by item, and finally adopted. It reads as follows:

Your committee to which has been referred several items of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, which items have reference to action of seven of the Classes in refusing to accept Synod's apportionments in full, begs leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, Seven of the Classes of this Synod at their last annual meetings refused to accept in full the apportionment of Synod; and,

WHEREAS, The present and past attitude of this Synod towards its Classes, and through the Classes towards its charges, in reference to refusals to accept apportionments in full, is unsuccessful in attaining satisfactory results; and,

WHEREAS, A number of Classes engage in local missionary enterprises to such a degree as to interfere seriously with the full payment of apportionments; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the time has arrived when Synod should adopt a definite and more satisfactory policy with reference to such refusals to pay apportionments; therefore we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod does not recognize the privilege of the Classes to change an apportionment made by the Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod urgently requests the Classes hereafter to apportion in faith the apportionment of Synod on the Classes in full and apportion the same on the respective charges, so that all charges which may deem it a privilege to pay Synod's apportionments in full may have the opportunity of doing so.

3. *Resolved*, That it be the rule of this Synod to recognize not arrearages but full payments of apportionments; that it request the respective Classes, through their Stated Clerks, to furnish Synod, for publication in its printed Minutes, with a list of all charges which have paid apportionments in full; and that such charges only shall be regarded as having paid in full

as belong to Classes which have apportioned Synod's apportionment in full.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod recommend to the Classes, and through the Classes to the charges, that they regard the full payment of the apportionment as a matter of first importance in the onward progress of the Church.

5. *Resolved*, That Classes be urgently requested to do only such local missionary work as they may be able to do over and above their full support of the Board of Home Missions.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby earnestly calls the attention of its entire constituency to the importance of heroic action and self-sacrifice in the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. WALBERT,
C. B. SCHNEDER,
A. B. DUNDOR,
Committee.

Allentown College for Women.

The following communication from the Board of Trustees of Allentown College for Women, was presented to Synod on Thursday during the afternoon session, in the first item in the Report on Overtures.

The communication was read and laid on the table, until the Special Committee, appointed a year ago, to raise funds to liquidate the debt on the aforesaid institution, report. The following is the communication:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: As President of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Allentown College for Women, I hereby respectfully overture your reverend body, to grant the privilege to the Board of Trustees of the College, of using the moneys collected from time to time by Synod's committtee, in cancelling the bonds which represent the indebtedness of the College, in sums of $5,000 at a time. Of these bonds there are four of $5,000 each. The privilege of redeeming these bonds gradually, as the money comes into the possession of the Treasurer of Synod, will mean a great and timely financial relief to the College, and will furthermore just as gradually and surely be relieving the Synod of its financial obligation in the matter.

I present the above request by authority of the Board of Trustees of the College, and also because the advisability of granting it, is endorsed by the action or recommendation of Synod's Board of Trustees, as contained in its annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN O. STEM.

EASTON, PA., Oct. 20, 1897.

In connection with the items 8, 9 and 10 in the report on Minutes of Synod, concerning the purchase and the appointment of a committee to raise funds for the payment of the debt on Allentown College for Women, the following report was read and adopted, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed to raise money for the purchase of Allentown College, beg leave to report that very little work was done until June of the present year. Since then, work has been going forward slowly, but, we think, surely in the respective Classes, and the committee has clearly demonstrated that the whole amount can easily be raised, if all pastors will co-operate in this good work. We were kindly received in every congregation which we have visited and greatly encouraged. We have pledges and promises to the amount of $3,161, of which $1,000 have been paid in cash.

As Rev. O. H. Strunk, a member of the committee from Schuylkill Classis, has resigned, on account of personal reasons, we therefore recommend that his resignation be accepted, and that Rev. E. S. Bromer, of the same Classis, be elected to fill his place on the committee.

We would also state that since the Synod has resolved to take the College under its care, it is much easier to induce young ladies to become students in the institution, and a greater interest in the College has been awakened in every section of the Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER.

The foregoing communication, received from the Board of Trustees of Allentown College for Women, laid on the table, was now taken up and further considered, and, in connection with the following resolution, was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Trustees of Allentown College for Women, that Synod pay in sums of $5,000 the first mortgage bonds as soon as the money is collected, be granted, provided that the Treasurer of Synod be assured by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the College that the Board has raised and paid their proportionate amount of whatever indebtedness may remain over and above the $20,000 to be paid by Synod.

Rev. E. S. Bromer, of Schuylkill Classis, and Rev. S. E. Stofflet, of Wyoming Classis, were appointed to fill the vacancies on the committee appointed a year ago to collect funds to cancel the debt of the aforesaid institution.

At an election held on Saturday during the afternoon session, Elder John J. Nissley was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod for a term of five years.

Clerk's Salary Increased.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Inasmuch as a large amount of additional labor has been entailed upon the Stated Clerk of Synod, by Synod requiring him to prepare annually a report for the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, together with the necrological report; therefore,

Resolved, That his salary be and hereby is increased twenty-five dollars per annum.

Resolved, That an order for thirty dollars be drawn on the Treasurer of Synod in favor of the pastor of St. John's Reformed Church of Milton, Pa., Rev. D. W. Ebbert, for the use of the church and in payment of the bill of stationery furnished to the Synod.

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report to Synod on Tuesday during the morning session. On motion, the arrearages contained in the report, except those referring to the Contingent Fund, General and District Synods, were erased, and the report was further amended to raise the fractional part of a dollar to a dollar. The report was considered item by item and adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Brethren of Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following

for your consideration and approval:

The reports of Treasurer Elder J. J. Nissley for the term October to January, and Treasurer Daniel Schaffner from January to the close of the fiscal year, were submitted to us, and we found them properly audited and correct.

We append the following list of arrearages among the Classes, on General Synod and Eastern Synod Contingent Funds:

ARREARAGES ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Classes.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.
East Pennsylvania	.....	.....
Lebanon	$228 00	.....
Philadelphia	120 00	$116 00
Lancaster	.....	.....
East Susquehanna	117 65	.....
West Susquehanna	72 00	.....
Goshenhoppen	156 00	52 00
Tohickon	.....	32 00
Lehigh	250 00	84 00
Schuylkill	32 00	7 00
Wyoming	108 00	49 20
Reading	16 00	10 00
	$1,099 65	$350 20

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL SCHAFFNER,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HOERNERSTOWN, PA., October 12th, 1897.

NOTE.—On Oct. 14, 1897, the Treasurer of Reading Classis paid $16.00, Contingent Fund of General Synod, and $10.00, Contingent Fund of Eastern Synod.

The following amounts were referred to the committee for apportionment:

Eastern Synod, Contingent Fund	$600 00
Home Missions	25,100 00
Foreign Missions	15,000 00
Calvin College	300 00
Harbor Missions	435 00
For Teacher of Elocution, $125, and supplemental instruction in Missions in the Theological Seminary of Synod, $60	185 00
Hungarian Missions	2,590 00
Mission work among Germans	2,590 00
Church Building	3,000 00

The new rule adopted by this Synod commands your committee to apportion the several amounts on the basis of the number of members who communed during the year pre-

vious. The "communed" membership and pro rata for each Classis is as follows:

	Comm'd Member-ship.	Pro rata
1. East Pennsylvania	8,036	.101
2. Lebanon	9,393	.119
3. Philadelphia	5,752	.073
4. Lancaster	5,205	.066
5. East Susquehanna	5,051	.064
6. West Susquehanna	4,898	.062
7. Tohickon	6,616	.084
8. Goshenhoppen	6,052	.077
9. Lehigh	10,723	.136
10. Schuylkill	5,142	.065
11. Wyoming	5,009	.063
12. Reading	7,123	.090
Total	79,000	1.000

According to the above basis and to resultant pro rata of each Classis, the several amounts were apportioned with the following result:

Classes.	Eastern Synod Contingent Fund, $600.	Home Missions, $25,100.	Foreign Missions, $15,000.	Calvin College, $300.	Harbor Missions, $435.	Elocution, etc., $185.	Hungarian Missions, $2,590.	German Mission Work, $2,590.	Church Building, $3,000.
East Pennsylvania	$60 60	$2535	$1515	$30	$44	$19	$261	$261	$303
Lebanon	71 40	2987	1785	36	52	22	308	308	357
Philadelphia	43 80	1832	1195	22	32	14	190	190	219
Lancaster	39 60	1657	990	20	29	12	171	171	198
East Susquehanna	38 40	1607	960	20	28	12	166	166	192
West Susquehanna	37 20	1556	930	19	27	12	160	160	186
Tohickon	50 40	2108	1260	25	36	16	218	218	252
Goshenhoppen	46 20	1933	1155	23	34	14	199	199	231
Lehigh	81 60	3414	2040	41	59	25	352	352	408
Schuylkill	39 00	1631	975	19	28	12	168	168	195
Wyoming	37 80	1582	945	19	28	12	163	163	189
Reading	54 00	2260	1350	27	40	17	234	234	270

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Schwedes,
G. W. Roth,
H. M. Otto,
Jno. W. Balliet.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, in regard to the items contained in their report under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Schuylkill asks to be excused for not assuming the full amount of the apportionment, and to have remitted its arrearages for the past year, assigning its reason for making these requests. The requests were granted.

A resolution concerning the relation of a committee to an amended report, was read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. M. Titzel, G. S. Sorber, Dr. E. N. Kremer, Elders J. B. Kieffer and F. G. Hobson, Esq.

The following action adopted by Synod was referred to the same committee:

WHEREAS, The printed Minutes of Synod in their present form are unsatisfactory; therefore,

Resolved, That this matter be referred to a Special Committee, with instructions that it report, if possible, some method that may be more satisfactory than the one now in vogue.

On Monday, during the evening session, the committee presented its report, which is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions as to the form in which the Minutes of Synod should be printed, would respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. All reports of committees, presented to the Synod, shall be published in full in the printed Minutes, with the names of the signers attached thereto. This shall be followed by the action of the Synod adopting, rejecting or amending the same.

2. As to changing the form of publication of the Minutes of Synod, your committee is unable to report at this session. Time should be given your committee to examine fully into the details, and investigate the methods pursued by other ecclesiastical judicatories. We, therefore, recommend that this

committee be continued to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. TITZEL, JNO. B. KIEFFER,
GEO. S. SORBER, F. G. HOBSON,
ELLIS N. KREMER,

Each item in this report was acted on separately, and the report adopted as a whole. The committee was continued.

The following preamble and resolution, presented by Elder F. G. Hobson, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The many publications of Minutes of Synod, of Classes, of historical memoranda and other publications of the Church, should be printed on pages of uniform size, so that the various publications could be bound together for preservation; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to determine a proper form and size of page of the Minutes of Synod, and publish the same in such form.

Resolved, That all Classes printing their Minutes, and that all Churches and persons publishing historical memoranda, be requested to print the same on pages of practically the same size as the Minutes of Synod.

In 7th item in the report on Minutes of Synod, reference is made to the appointment of a committee to prepare for publication early documents. The report was duly presented on Friday, during the morning sesison, which is as follows:

Report on the Publication of Early Documents.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod for the purpose of suggesting the best means of utilizing the present Sesqui-Centennial celebration for the revival of historical study and the preservation of historic material, would respectfully report:

That your committee held a meeting in the City of Reading on the 8th of May, 1897, at which the majority of the members of the committee were present. At this meeting the instructions of Synod were read, and, after careful consideration, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That the members of the committee here present will endeavor to complete a file of the Minutes of the Conventions and Synods of the Church, to be deposited and preserved as directed by Synod.

2. That we request Synod to call upon the pastors and congregations who are engaged in observing historic occasions to send to the Stated Clerk copies of all publications, and also to furnish transcripts of Church-records, dated previous to A. D. 1800, for preservation as directed.

3. That we recommend to Synod the organization of a Synodical Historical Society, to be auxiliary to the society founded by direction of the General Synod, in 1863, so soon as the latter shall have been revived.

4. That your committee has at hand sufficient material to form a valuable historical volume, consisting chiefly of the Minutes of the Cœtus, and that they are willing to prepare the same for publication, so soon as the Synod can see its way clear to authorize the same and to provide the means necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose. It is estimated that the expense of publishing a small edition would be about $500, for which amount the Synod would, of course, be reimbursed as soon as the edition was sold.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. DUBBS,
JAMES I. GOOD,
JNO. PH. STEIN,
GEO. F. BAER.

The report was considered, and the several items were adopted separately, with the following instructions:

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to solicit advance subscriptions, and in case, in their judgment, a sufficient number of subscriptions is received to justify the publication of an historical volume, that the committee be instructed to go forward with its publication.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The following resignation, bearing on the foregoing report, was presented to Synod:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Not feeling prepared to take part in the work of the com-

mittee, under the changed conditions imposed by the Synod, I would hereby request to be excused from membership in the committee appointed to collect material pertaining to the early history of the Church. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER.

The resignation, on motion, was accepted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Inasmuch as there seems to be a question as to a secure and appropriate place for the archives of the Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod authorize and direct the Stated Clerk to move the archives of Synod into a fireproof alcove of the Library Building of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

In item 13 in the report on Minutes of Synod, attention is directed to the instructions given to the officers of Synod to have the papers read in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial exercises of Synod published. The following report was presented and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: The officers of the Synod at Bethlehem, having been appointed a committee to secure and publish, in pamphlet form, the valuable papers read at the meetings of that, our Sesqui-Centennial Synod, begs leave to report:

That, in obedience to the instructions of Synod, we ascertained by circular the number of subscribers who might wish to purchase the pamphlet, and have had published an edition of 300 copies. After supplying the subscribers, we still have 30 copies on hand. These are for sale at this Synod, and when these are sold, the expenses of the publication will have been met. Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the instruction given as referred to in the 6th item of the report on Minutes of Synod, an outline report of the various items requiring the further consideration of Synod, was prepared and handed to the Chairman on Minutes of Synod. Brief biographical sketches of the ministers, who died during the year, were prepared and put into the hands of the Chairman on the State of the Church. A tabulated state-

ment of all such items in the Minutes of the several Classes requiring the attention of Synod was prepared and delivered to the Chairman for the use of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN,
Stated Clerk.

This report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

In item 16 in the report on Minutes of Classes, the attention of Synod is directed to the complaint of Rev. J. W. Mabry against East Pennsylvania Classis. This subject, together with the item, was referred to a Special Committee, who on Monday, during the morning session, presented the following report, which was adopted:

BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred the complaint of Rev. J. W. Mabry against certain action of East Pennsylvania Classis, takes pleasure in reporting that said complaint has been withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MUIR, *Chairman.*

In item 17 in the report on Minutes of Classes, the attention of Synod was directed to the complaint of Dr. C. Cort against the action of Philadelphia Classis. This subject, with the item, was referred to a Special Committee, who on Monday, during the afternoon session, presented the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the papers in the complaint of Rev. C. Cort, D.D., against the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, would respectfully report that they found the papers in the complaint regular, and recommend that said complaint be heard immediately after the opening service this evening, and in the following order:

1. That the papers in the case be read.
2. That the complainant have thirty minutes in which to present his case.
3. That the respondent have thirty minutes in which to reply.

4. That, without further debate, the Synod immediately proceed to vote upon the merits of the complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. G. NOSS,
THOS. H. LEINBACH,
HENRY M. OTTO.

The report was adopted.

The complainant was permitted to divide his time in opening and closing the case. The papers having reference to the case, were read. The complainant, with the assistance of Elder Hobson, presented his case, and Philadelphia Classis was heard in reply by its representative, Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Sechler. After hearing the argument in the case, Synod proceeded to vote by calling the yeas and nays. The complainant was sustained without a dissenting voice.

In explanation of the decision in this case, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That in sustaining the complaint of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort against Philadelphia Classis, this Synod means to assert that said Classis erred in setting aside the compromise settlement of the Wyoming congregation for salary arrearages made with Rev. C. Cort and sanctioned by said Classis at the annual meeting in May, 1896, and re-affirmed by said Classis with restrictive measures at a special meeting ten weeks later.

Resolved, That Philadelphia Classis be directed to take steps at the earliest practicable date to carry into practical effect the terms of that compromise to the end that Rev. C. Cort shall receive the $417.87 still due, with interest from June 30, 1896.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

The following communication from General Synod's Sunday-school Board was presented to Synod in item 7 in the report on Overtures, and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. It is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is proper to communicate to your

reverend body certain facts pertaining to the condition and progress of the general Sunday-school work.

The blessing and favor of the great Head of the Church has manifestly been upon our pastors and churches, and upon the several judicatories of the Church and the General Board in extending and increasing the usefulness of the Sunday-school.

With grateful recognition of these manifold blessings, we should be constrained to the exercise of greater trust and increased activity. During the year the Sunday-school Statistical form adopted by General Synod and approved by your body, was sent to all our pastors. It was to be expected that complete answers could not be obtained at once. But it is gratifying to report that there are evidences of more accurate figures than we have hitherto been able to gather. Estimating in some cases according to the membership reported last year, we find that the total number of officers and teachers reported, is:

Total number of officers and teachers	24,200
Total number of scholars	188,577
Teachers and scholars	212,777

This shows a gain for the year of 3,811 officers and teachers, 14,413 scholars, and a total gain of officers, teachers and scholars of 18,224.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Time and space permit but a brief mention of the work in this department. Scores of schools have been aided by grants of literature, and as usual a grant of Children's Day Services has been made to all our schools. The Board has sustained schools and missions at Easton, Williamsport, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, etc. A new plan of work which has greatly commended itself to our pastors and workers, was the employment of a band of five theological students who labored during the summer months in Eastern Pennsylvania. The meetings and conferences held by them have been fruitful in the organization of Teachers' Meetings, Normal Classes, Home Departments, the increase of members and of benevolence, etc.

DEPARTMENTS OF INSTRUCTION AND PUBLICATION.

In these departments the Board carries on its business at its Eastern office by a co-operative arrangement with the Re-

formed Publication Board. This provides for an annual bonus of $1,000 for the next five years, and thereafter perpetually $750 per annum. And also the payment of one-half of salaries, room rent, and other expenses, jointly incurred. It is evident that financially this arrangement is advantageous to both Boards. It may be well to state that a careful examination of the receipts of the old Publication Board in 1887, as well as the business done in Sunday-school publications by the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., shows that the Publication Board is receiving more under the present arrangement than it ever received before from the Sunday-school publications, and more, too, than it would have received if the old arrangement of separate and rival publication houses in the East and West had continued.

The work of the Board in these departments has greatly enlarged. The number of periodicals published is ten, including five lesson helps. The total number of copies issued during the year exceeds one million and two hundred thousand. Two new publications were added, viz., the Heidelberg Picture Cards, and the Church Festival Helper, both of which have attained a circulation exceeding expectation. There has been a gratifying increase in the circulation of our lesson helps.

The Board for some time contemplated the enlargement of our lesson helps in response to the wishes of the Church and the demands of the market; and at the annual meeting held last April it was decided to make the changes January 1st, 1898. This action necessitated some changes in the editors. Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., who for ten years has done such excellent service as chief lesson editor, retires. Owing to his age and pastoral duties, Dr. Hiester could not add to his editorial labors. Rev. D. W. Ebbert was elected as the representative, originally, of the Western section of the Church, and owing to the desire to have that section of the Church represented in the list of lesson writers, he also retires.

In the interests of economy and efficiency of administration, the editors of *Leaves of Light*, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D.D., and Mrs. Elizabeth T. Flynn, were given editorial charge of *Sunshine*, in place of Mrs. Margaret H. Fisher.

The Board placed on record in its minutes its appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of these several editors, and

in this public way calls the attention of the Church to the debt of gratitude due to them for the many years of service rendered and to the important part they have played in bringing our Sunday-school literature to its present advanced position. Largely by their good work it is possible for the Church to take this step of further enlargement.

The new lesson editors will be Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D., Rev. Edward Herbruck, D.D., Mrs Katharine McCauley Miller, and Miss Rebecca R. Schively.

Eight pages will be added to the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly. The International Scholar's Quarterly will be changed in form to correspond with the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly, and will be enlarged. The Heidelberg Teacher will be made a monthly, with a reconstruction of, and addition to its departments. All these improvements will be made without adding to the cost of subscription. Improvements in *Leaves of Light* and *Sunshine* will also be made during the year.

By arrangement with the Reformed Publication Board of the Eastern Synods, the Sunday-school Board is enlarging its business operations so as to be in a position to furnish Sunday-school requisites and to publish needed literature for teacher-training and the several departments of graded Sunday-schools. Hence while the business department has made some money during the year, and aided the missionary department of the Board, it is not in a position to divert its funds, but must use the earnings of the business for the present to increase its capital, enlarge its business, and thus be of greater assistance to the Church.

We, therefore, confidently urge our Reformed people to loyally support the missionary and publication work of the Board, and we trust that your reverend body will reiterate its past actions and recommend to the several Classes for their prayerful consideration, the following:

1. That the pastors and consistories exercise careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

2. That, in view of the urgent calls for Sunday-school literature and Sunday-school missionaries from many sections of the Church, churches and schools be recommended to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school Missions.

3. *That all Reformed* schools be urged to use Reformed

Sunday-school literature, to adopt the educational feature of the Board's work for Teacher-training, Home Department, Benevolence, etc., and to purchase their supplies and literature from our own Board and its agencies, instead of outside publishing houses.

4. That the Committee on Sunday-school work in each Classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through pastors and consistories, the several schools to missionary giving, to the observance of Children's Day, Christmas, etc., and to enlarge their Sunday-school membership as well as increase the efficiency of the school as a Bible-School for the entire membership of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*

READING, PA., October 1st, 1897.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully report that they have examined, as far as circumstances would permit, the statistical tables presented by the different Classis, placed in their hand since the beginning of the present sessions of Synod. From these tables, presented by all the Classes except Tohickon, it appears that there is a large increase both in the number of schools and the enrollment of officers and students. This increase is due, no doubt, partly to a healthy growth, and partly to more accurate reports from the different Classes. The total membership, based on the reports of present year, or if no report was presented, on the report of the previous year, is as follows: Schools, 619; officers and teachers, 10,505; scholars, 77,221; total, 87,726. The gain is as follows: Schools, 13; officers and teachers, 2,036; scholars, 5,343; total, 7,379. This result shows the importance of continuing the method of securing statistical reports lately introduced, and it is accordingly recommended that it be continued, and all the Classes are urged to make these statistical reports as perfect as possible. To save expense in the publication of the minutes, it is suggested that only the totals be reported in the statistical tables, as is done at the present time.

Your committee would also note the fact that all the Classes now have their respective committees on Sunday-

schools, and that the Sunday-school work of the Synod is therefore more thoroughly organized than ever before.

Your committee would respectfully call attention to the fact that there is more or less difficulty in adjusting the matters which properly come under its cognizance. If your Permanent Committee is to report on statistics and the general condition of Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod, statistics and data ought to be put in the hands of the committee prior to the meeting of Synod. If there is no special function which this committee is to perform in the way of preparing material for the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, there is scarcely sufficient reason for the existence of two committees.

Your committee would call special attention to the action of Synod, of Bethlehem, requesting the Classes to send in their statistical reports 30 days before the meeting of Synod.

Arrangements have been made, in connection with the pastor loci, for an evening service in the interest of Sunday-schools, which will be reported to the Synod by the Committee on Religious Services.

The term of service of Elder C. C. Leader as a member of your committee has expired, and the vacancy, therefore, should be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,

T. G. HOBSON, C. C. LEADER.

S. S. MEMBERSHIP—1897—EASTERN SYNOD.

	Number of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total S.S. Membership.
East Pennsylvania Classis	72	1045	8342	9387
Lebanon Classis	61	1164	7070	8234
Philadelphia Classis	37	854	7484	8338
Lancaster Classis	44	868	5998	6866
East Susquehanna Classis	62	780	5939	6719
West Susquehanna Classis	56	701	4818	5519
Goshenhoppen Classis	38	766	4976	5742
Tohickon Classis	50	612	4795	5407
Lehigh Classis	89	1403	10205	11608
Schuylkill Classis	40	733	5408	6141
Wyoming Classis	45	800	5498	6298
Reading Classis	26	779	6688	7467
Total	619	10505	77221	87726
Total, 1896	606	8469	71878	
Gain	13	2036	5343	7379

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

The report on Sunday-schools was presented on Tuesday during the morning session, and it reads as follows:

To the Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully offer the following report:

There were referred to us a communication from the Sunday-school Board of General Synod and the report of the Sunday-school Board of this Synod.

From these we learned with pleasure, that the Sunday-school work of the Church has enjoyed a measure of prosperity which becomes at once a source of encouragement and of praise to God for His blessings upon this department of the Church. A gain, in this Synod, of 13 schools, 2,036 officers and teachers, and of 5,343 scholars, is worthy of mention, and this is but a part of the 18,224 additions to the rolls of the entire Church during last year, speaks well for all who interested themselves in producing this magnificent result. We notice that General Synod's Sunday-school Board has sustained missionaries at Easton, Williamsport, Pa., and Cleveland, Ohio, and has rendered substantial aid to 27 Sunday-schools during the year. The number of periodicals published by the Board is ten, and we are pleased to note that this department of the Board's work is greatly enlarged. Your committee also notes the changes in the editorial staff of the Board made, no doubt, to meet the growing demands of the Church in this particular, and in this connection we give expression to and place on record Synod's hearty appreciation of the services of the former editors, the Revs. J. E. Heister, D.D., and D. W. Ebbert.

We also recognize the fact that the work of the student band is appreciated by the Board and by pastors and Sunday-school superintendents. Taking a look into the future, we learn that important additions to the various Sunday-school periodicals are contemplated, all involving considerable additional outlay of money, yet to be furnished by the Board without extra cost.

With these evidences of prosperity and substantial gain during the past year, Synod may well appreciate the zeal and energy of the Board, and accepting this as a basis together with the improvements contemplated for the future, look hopefully

forward to even better and higher results in this department of the Church's work for the greater glory of God.

In view of the foregoing, your committee respectfully offer the following for your further consideration.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod gratefully appreciates the results of thoroughly organized Sunday-school work, as conducted by the General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

2. *Resolved*, That pastors and consistories be requested to exercise careful oversight over the Sunday-school records, and present complete statistical reports to the Classes.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Secretary of General Synod's Board be requested to furnish the Sunday-school statistics of this Synod to the President of our Sunday-school Board 20 or 30 days before the annual meeting, for tabulation and proper presentation.

4. *Resolved*, That, in view of the work already done, we request a continuance of the work of the student band, as contracted last year.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the many calls for assistance to needy schools and for the organizing and equipping of new mission schools, we make request that all our Sunday-schools bring an offering on Children's Day for Sunday-school mission work of the Board.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Synod that General Synod's Sunday-school Board should hold itself strictly to its privileges of aiding and assisting needy schools in various ways and of organizing new Sunday-schools in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions.

7. *Resolved*, That our Sunday-schools be urged to patronize the Board in the purchase of Sunday-school periodicals and literature and also adopt the educational feature of the Board's work for Teacher Training, Home Department, Benevolence, etc.

8. *Resolved*, That while we give hearty response to the request of the Board for offerings and patronage, we in turn challenge the fullest confidence of the Board and would herewith request that a statement of their receipts and expenditures be communicated to this Synod annually.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER,

A. M. MASONHEIMER, B. F. FLUCK,

C. E. BARTHOLOMEW, SAMUEL HOOD.

The report was considered by taking up the several items separately. The first, second and third resolutions were adopted. The fourth resolution in the report was rejected. After the adoption of the remaining resolutions, the report was adopted as a whole.

Elder C. C. Leader was re-elected as a member of the Sunday-school Board for a term of five years.

The Sunday-school Board of the Eastern Synod, as now constituted, consists of the following persons, to wit:

Elder Jacob H. Stein, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1898; Rev. Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1899; Rev. Geo. A. Schwedes, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1900; Elder F. G. Hobson, whose term expires 1901, and Elder C. C. Leader, whose term expires 1902.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

On item 4 in the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report on the publishing of the "Acts and Proceedings" of Synod was received and adopted:

Report in Regard to Publishing the Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had 3,800 copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound, in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case.

The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board at the cost of $250. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod. The work was highly satisfactory and the minutes were speedily distributed after they were issued from the press in the month of January.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The stated clerk was directed to have 3,900 copies of the Minutes of Synod published to meet the demands of Synod.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN: The period embraced in this report covers

the initial year of your Board in its management of the publication interests for your sole account and benefit. Starting without debt and unembarassed with accumulations of old stock and doubtful assets, it is gratifying to be able to report that the year's business finds the house in this same enviable condition.

As stated in the last report, the Board ceded to the Sunday-school Board the right to publish all literature pertaining to the Sunday-schools, the consideration being an annual royalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars, besides the payment of one-half the salary of the business manager, one-half the rent and other expenses jointly incurred. These amount annually to about two thousand dollars for each party. During the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby your Board transferred to it the right to publish and sell Sunday-school hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the first contract, reserving, however, to your Board, the Catechisms. In consideration of this later grant, you are to receive the annual sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for five years. The amount thus accruing annually from both contracts is one thousand dollars for five years and thereafter, continuously, the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars. But as these contracts were not closed until some months after the beginning of our fiscal year, the payments that fell due up to June 30, 1897, amounted to three hundred and seventy-five dollars, which were promptly paid and are included in the item of cash receipts. It is proposed in the future to have the royalties paid to the treasurer, and by him remitted to the business manager, should the business require them.

The receipts and expenditures as reported by the manager from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.		
From *Messenger*	$7,898.68	
" *Review*	430.52	
" Book Department	7,938.91	
" J. T. Reber, Treasurer	4,200.00	$20,468.11
EXPENDITURES.		
For *Messenger*, including salaries	$8,192.02	
" *Review*, including salaries	477.33	
" Book Stores (purchases)	7,715.90	
" Rent, salaries and expenses	2,411.50	
" Board meetings	102.75	$18,899.50
Cash balance on hand		$1,568.61

The inventory of assets and liabilities as made by the Board from statements of June 30, 1897, furnished by the manager, is as follows:

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand	$1,568.61	
Mdse. on hand	4,000.90	
Book accounts, Book Department	1,550.79	
" " *Messenger*	3,918.75	
" " *Review*	152.33	$11,191.38
LIABILITIES.		
Original purchase money	$2,500 00	
Cash from J. T. Reber, Treasurer	4,200.00	
Advance subscriptions, *Messenger*	1,951.60	
Advance subscriptions, *Review*	181.50	
Bills payable	538.16	$9,371.26
Balance, profit and loss		$1,820.12

In making this exhibit this Board kept in mind the probable depreciation on the merchandise as well as the possibility of loss on the outstanding book accounts, and made corresponding allowances for these. It also excluded from the assets, the one thousand dollars paid Mrs. Fisher for the almanac and the cost of all fixtures, furniture and plates. It is believed, therefore, that the assets are reported at a minimum cash valuation. In judging the year's results, it would be well to bear in mind that the *Messenger* has been regularly furnished to those subscribers who had paid their subscriptions to the Fisher estate. These amounted during the year to $3,541.06 for the *Messenger*, and $102.25 for the *Review*. These and other claims against said estate are still pending in the Orphans' Court, of Philadelphia, and it is believed will receive final determination before the end of the year.

Of the two periodicals published by your Board, we may say that the *Review* is at present self-supporting. It does not, however, more than pay its own expenses. There is need of a larger subscription-list in order to allow the editor to make further improvements. It will be seen from this, that the effort to increase the number of subscribers has been partially successful. We feel justified in saying that the *Review* is excellent, and should have a larger circle of readers throughout the Church. As new interest is felt, at present in the series now edited by Prof. William Rupp, D.D., we hope that the Synod will heartily recommend this periodical to our pastors and people, and urge them to subscribe for it.

The *Messenger* has been issued regularly throughout the year. It has not only been up to its usual standard, but has shown general improvements in its several departments. Few changes have been made during the year, inasmuch as it was necessary to conduct the paper as economically as possible, in order to have our balance on the right side of the ledger. Notwithstanding the fact, that during the year there were quite a number of very serious obstacles in our way, still the *Messenger* has more than paid its own expenses.

Whilst we have been anxious to increase the number of subscribers to the *Messenger*, we frankly state that up to the present time, this has not been done. But, on the other hand, report that the subscription-list is shorter than last year. The list, as it came into our hands a year ago, was a padded one. A large number of subscribers paid but $1.00 a year, and when one rate for all subscribers was fixed, many of these dropped out. Many more had not paid their subscriptions for years. The attorney for the Fisher estate very properly set about making collections. At the end of the first year your Board did the same. Through this process, the list was further pruned. The Board intends to continue this yearly collection, and feels justified in doing so. Our present list, though smaller, is on a cash valuation, worth as much, or even more, to the Church than a year ago.

During the coming year we hope to increase the number of readers of the *Messenger*. To do this, we need the co-operation of the pastors and elders of the Church. We are mindful of the obstacles yet in our way; the plea of hard times, other cheaper publications, the fact that any Church paper is received with indifference by a large number, even of the membership of the Church, and that people must learn to appreciate a Church paper. Their interest increases, with their interest in the Church and the development of their religious life. Bearing this in mind, we again ask the co-operation of the pastors, not for a season only, but year in and year out. We bespeak the same interest and consideration of our work, as is given to Missions and Education.

The Treasurer, Mr. James T. Reber, reported to the Board, as follows:

DR.

1896.				
Sept.	15.	To balance. Cash on hand.....	$64.61	
Oct.	1.	To cash received for 6 months interest Deeter Mortgage	25.00	
		To cash received for 6 months interest Fisher Mortgage	21.75	
		To cash received for Lydia FisherMtge	725.00	
1897.				
Jan.	12.	To cash received for 6 months interest on two mortgages. ($2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00	
		To cash received for Reading Silk Mill Bonds	1,750.00	
Mar	12.	To cash received for interest on Reading Silk Mill Bonds	22.50	
Mar	13.	To cash received for interest on Blosser Judgment	12 00	
Apr.	10.	To cash received for 6 months interest Reading Silk Mill Bonds	250.00	
		To cash received for 6 months interest Deeter Mortgage	25.00	
July	26.	To cash received for 6 months interest on two mortgages. ($2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00	$2,995.86
Sept.	15.	To balance due Treasurer.....		229.14
				$3,225.00

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1896.				
Oct.	12.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner	$500.00	
Nov.	2.	" " "	225.00	
Nov.	9.	" " "	275.00	
Nov.	14.	" " "	200.00	
Dec.	1.	" " "	1,000.00	
1897.				
Apr.	19.	" " A. W. Bomberger (Counsel Fee), ...	25.00	
June	11.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1,000.00	$3,225.00

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

Blosser Judgment	$200.00	
Isaac L. Deeter, mortgage	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Jr., Massillan mortgage	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Jr., Youngstown	1,000.00	
Note; St. Thomas churhc, Reading..	1,000.00	
" C. G. Fisher (allowed).....	800.00	
" " " "	150.00	$5,150.00
Bonus: Due from the Fisher Estate (allowed)		900.00
		$6,050.00

This report necessarily deals largely with results. In considering these, it is but just that due credit be accorded those in the employ of the Board, who were suddenly and without previous knowledge of its affairs, called upon to take up the

work and prosecute it without interruption in all the issues of the publications, and with as little annoyance to its patrons as the disorganized cond tion of its affairs would permit.

The Board and its assistants disclaim all responsibility for any errors committed, or the methods pursued in presenting and collecting claims due the Fisher estate by collectors in charge of those accounts; but we submit that every one indebted to that estate should understand after the report of last year, that all accounts due the Fisher estate prior to July 1, 1896, are the sole property of that estate, and that it is their duty to make a prompt settlement to the estate; that this Board has no responsibility whatever, as to them, or the measures used by the estate to enforce collection, and that the patrons of the Board have only to account to it for subscriptions and purchases accruing since July 1, 1896.

When your Board assumed control it extended to the estate the courtesy of the columns of the *Messenger* and the use of its office force in directing attention to the obligations resting upon those indebted to said estate, but it neither assumed the collections nor the responsibility for any communications except those signed by the manager.

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1898, of the following members of this Board: John W. Bickel and James T. Reber, Eastern Synod; and C. M. Boush, Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Report on Publication by the Standing Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Publication was presented to Synod on Monday during the morning session. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your committee beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Two papers were placed into our hands, namely: The Report of the Board of Publication, and a notification of the expiration of the term of office of the Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, as Synodical editor of the Reformed Church "Messenger."

From the report of the Board of Publication your committee learns:

1. That the Board used of the Surplus Fund $4,200.00, and that notwithstanding its business during this, its first year under the new arrangement, was small, yet its net profits amount to $1,568.61, thus leaving an indebtedness due the Surplus Fund of $2,631.39.

2. That the Board has transferred the Sunday-school hymn-books, the Sunday-school supplies and the Sunday-school literature to the Sunday-school Board, thus leaving to the Publication Board the ownership of "The Order of Worship," the Catechism, the "Messenger," the "Review" and the Almanac.

3. That while the subscription list of the "Messenger" was small, it has, on account of the pruning process of the Board in its efforts to bring its publication to a cash basis, decreased somewhat during the year.

4. That the subscription list of the "Review" has been so increased that this periodical is now self-supporting.

Your committee takes pleasure in noting the improvement of the "Messenger" in character and tone, as well as in the addition of the editorial department to the "Review," and ventures to offer the following resolutions for your approval:

Resolved, 1, That this Synod confirm the action of the Board of Publication, transferring the Sunday-school hymn-books, Sunday-school supplies and Sunday-school literature belonging to it, to the Sunday-school Board.

Resolved, 2, That the Synod earnestly commends the Reformed Church "Messenger" to the Church, and that the Publication Board be requested to make strenuous efforts during the current Synodical year to increase its subscription list; and that the Classes be requested to take such action as will make it the duty of all pastors and consistories to give their hearty co-operation to this important work.

Resolved, 3, That this Synod heartily commends the Reformed Church "Review" to all our ministers and literary laymen, and urges them to assist the editor in his praiseworthy endeavors to maintain its high standing and increase its usefulness, both by writing for its pages and making earnest efforts to increase its circulation.

With reference to the expiration of the term of office of

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker as Synodical editor, your committee respectfully recommends the following resolutions:

Resolved, 4, That we recognize the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. Jon. H. Pannebecker as Synodical editor and tender him the thanks of Synod.

WHEREAS, There seems to be an uncertainty in the mind of Synod as touching our charter rights in regard to Synodical editorship, therefore,

Resolved, 5, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to learn the fact in the case and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, 6, That meanwhile the management of the Synodical editorship be left in the hands of the Publication Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN,
G. B. WALBERT, JACOB S. SECHLEN,
M. H. DIEFENDERFER, JOHN B. KIEFFER, *Elder.*

The following was offered as a substitute in place of the first resolution:

Resolved, That Synod does not see its way clear to ratify the transfer of its Sunday-school literature to General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

After discussion, on motion the substitute was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 24, whereupon the following action was adopted:

With reference to the transfer of certain Sunday-school supplies by the Board of Publication to the General Synod's Sunday-school, be it

Resolved, That the whole subject of such transfer be referred to a committee who shall make thorough investigation, and report to this Synod one year hence. This action to be without prejudice to the rights of the parties interested.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Thos. J. Hacker and Jno. W. Appel, esq.

The 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th resolutions were adopted; the 6th resolution was rejected. The report was adopted as a whole.

Messrs. Jacob H. Stein was elected and Jas. T. Reber was re-elected, as Trustees, to fill the vacancies occurring on the Board of Publication on the 1st of January next.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOME AND OTHER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The following report from the Board of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through the Standing Committee on Overtures, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Home. It is as follows, to wit:

Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We herewith present to your reverend body a printed copy of the last Annual Report of Bethany Orphans' Home, to which your attention is kindly invited. As this report was closed on July 8th, 1897, we beg leave to add a few additional facts.

We have at this date, Oct. 19, 1897, 128 children in the Home, ranging in age from one to eighteen years. Six more have recently been admitted whom we expect to enter the Home before long. All these children are dependent upon the Church for support. Children who have inherited means or who have friends who are able to provide for them are not admitted if the Board of Managers knows the facts. The reason for this is because our room is limited and because it is the aim of Bethany Home to extend aid to those children who are in the greatest need. Our children, as a rule, enjoyed good health during the year. One boy died after having been with us a little less than one month.

At the time of the annual meeting, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, we had a debt of $523.63 on current expenses. That was over three months ago. At the present time, notwithstanding the receipts at the time of the anniversary, we have a debt of between $1,500 and $2,000. This is so because at this season of the year we receive scarcely any money contributions, and because of expenses incurred in making provision for winter. We hope and pray that the contributions at the coming Christmas season may be fully as liberal as those of last year.

Grateful to our Heavenly Father for His kind and watchful care over this large family during the past year, and thankful to you and all the friends of the Home for helpful sym-

pathy, prayers and gifts, and trusting in God and His people for continued support in this work, we are, in behalf of the Board,

Yours very truly,
B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary.*

Oct. 19, 1897.

Report of the Standing Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home.

The report of the Standing Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home, to whom the foregoing report was submitted, presented the following report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee on Bethany Orphan Home begs leave to offer the following report:

The annual report of the President and Superintendent reveals a very gratifying condition of Bethany Orphan Home. There are now 128 children in the Home and six others have been admitted that have not yet arrived.

During the year this institution has enjoyed the continued favor of a gracious Heavenly Father, and the hearty support of an appreciative Church. The annual report shows that during the year legacies have been received to the amount of $1,760.00. We rejoice also to learn that in January, 1897, the *Frick Memorial Cottage* was opened for the reception of children under six years of age. This substantial stone building, erected at a cost of six thousand dollars, was the gift of Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia. The Church at large is to be congratulated on the judicious management and prosperous condition of this Home.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod thankfully acknowledges the many blessings of God upon this Home for the orphan.

Resolved, That this institution is hereby heartily commended to the confidence and continued support of the Church, and that all Sunday-schools especially are asked to remember the orphans at the coming Christmas season with liberal offerings for this Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HENRY, W. CARVALL TAYLOR,
ELMER S. NOLL, THOMAS KERN.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The Annual Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was presented to Synod with the 9th item in the report on Overtures. It was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, C. E. Schaeffer and Elder Jno. H. Kurzenknabe. The following is the report of the society:

To the Reverend, the Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—As Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, I transmit to your venerable body the endorsed statement of the financial operations of the same for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30th, 1897. Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Eastern Synod, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

East Pennsylvania Classis	$130 00
Philadelphia Classis	121 58
Lancaster Classis	70 91
Schuylkill Classis	65 00
Lebanon Classis	65 00
Tohickon Classis	65 00
Lehigh Classis	65 00
East Susquehanna Classis	58 65
West Susquehanna Classis	35 34
Reading Classis	30 00
Wyoming Classis	29 04
Total	$735 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to 19 Annuitants	$1,075 00

We would also call the attention of the Synod to the claims of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home" for aged ministers and their wives and the widows of ministers, located at Myerstown, Pa. The Home is open and ready to receive such as may need a home.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

From balance in treasury from last report	$4,384.31
From collections in the churches	1,573.65
From interest on investments	1,372.99

From matured loan	700.00
From royalty on church hymnal	587.75
For Daniel Stein Memorial Home	372.72
From miscellaneous sources	288.00
From Pittsburg Synod Special	125.00
Total	$9,404.42

EXPENDITURES.

By amount invested	$3,100.00
By amount paid to annuitants	2,500.00
By amount to Daniel Stein Memorial Home	539.14
By expenses	543.99
By cash in treasury Sept. 30th, 1897	2,721.29
Total	$9,404.42

ASSETS.

Invested Fund	$37,650.00
Cash on hand	$2,721.29
Total	$40,371.29

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Aaron R. Hottenstine, Jos. H. Hendricks, Daniel U. Wolff, Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., Josiah D. Detrich, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., John H. Sechler, D.D., Alfred Houtz, Louis Praikschatis, D.D., Thomas J. Bower, John N. Naly, John F. Mackley, M.D., Milton M. Noacher, Simon U. Waugaman, John O. Lindaman, Wilson F. More, Alexander Bateman, K. Otis Spessard, Frederick W. Bald, Stephen Schweitzer, Milton H. Sangree, F. J. E. Muehe, S. Sydney Kohler, Calvin A. Schneider, Uriah Weidner, Chas. H. Coon, L. D. Stambaugh, George H. House, Nathaniel Loose, D.D., Jacob Ihle, Geo. E. Leimbert, Edward J. Fogel, D.D., John Kuelling, D.D.

Annual Members.—Revs. Rufus W. Miller, David E. Klopp, D.D., Prof. Frank Grether.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

Report of Special Committee on Society for the Relief of Ministers and the Daniel Stine Home.

The special committee to whom was referred the foregoing communication concerning the Society for the Relief of

Ministers, etc., presented on Tuesday, during the morning session the following report for further consideration:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of our Church, beg leave to present the following:

Judging from the documents referred to us, we, with pleasure and thankfulness to God's Providence, recognize the fact that this charitable organization is steadily growing in the estimation of our membership; that its financial resources are increasing, though slowly, from year to year, and in consequence the benefits which it bestows on disabled ministers and dependent widows are becoming greater and more extensive. The invested funds at present amount to $37,650, and there is in the treasury, besides a balance sufficient to pay the sums that have been voted to forty annuitants, making a total of $40,371.29 now in the hands of this Society.

We propose the following action:

Resolved, 1, That this Synod hereby again puts on record its high appreciation of the value of this organization.

2. Inasmuch as dependent widows and disabled ministers are increasing in number from year to year, Synod urges this Society to aim at raising the invested fund to the sum of $100,000; and Synod commends the efforts to reach this aim to the confidence and support of the Classes and the membership generally.

As regards the Daniel Stine Home we state that the Home is now prepared to consider applications, and is ready to admit, according to its regulations such as desire to enter. One minister has been admitted.

Synod hereby renews its recommendation of the Home to the favorable regard and the liberality of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

EML. V. GERHART,
C. E. SCHAEFFER,
J. H. KURZENKNABE.

In the consideration of this report Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of the Society, made brief remarks bearing on the work of this charitable organization. Favorable action was taken on the several items contained in the report, and subsequently the report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., on Thursday during the afternoon session, in regard to the basis of apportionment, namely:

1. *Resolved*, That in making the apportionments on the different Classes for contingent and benevolent purposes it shall be the rule of this Synod to make such apportionment on the basis of communicant membership.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Classes of this Synod, that in making the apportionments on the different pastoral charges, they take into consideration, in connection with the above rule of Synod, the relative financial and moral ability of the respective charges and congregations.

These resolutions were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. R. Leighton Gerhart, John M. Titzel and C. B. Schneder who presented on Monday, during the morning session, the following report:

Report on the Basis of Apportionment.

Your committee to whom were referred the foregoing resolutions offer the following report:

1. *Resolved*, That in making the apportionments on the several Classes for contingent and benevolent purposes, it shall be the rule of this Synod to make such apportionment on the basis of the members who have communed during the preceding classical year.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Classes of this Synod that in apportioning the several sums submitted to them by the Synod, they observe the above rule, modified by the relative and financial ability of the respective charge and congregations under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTEN GERHART,
JOHN M. TITZEL.

The resolutions presented in this report were affirmed, and the report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, to whom had been referred the various items in the several reports, referring to vacancies occurring in the respective Boards, presented on Saturday, during the morning session, the following report:

The Report on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to offer the following report:

Of the Board of Home Missions the term of office of seven members expires. We recommend that of these, six be re-elected for the required term of four years, namely, Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D., Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Rev. T. O. Stem and Rev. T. J. Hacker, and Elders John J. Nissley and C. M. Bowers.

The Rev. Dr. H. M. Kieffer has made the special request that he be not re-elected. To take his place on this Board we nominate the Rev. Sam'l R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, one to be chosen.

Of the Trustees of Synod the term of office of one member expires. We nominate Elder John J. Nissley and Joseph A. Leinbach, one to be chosen, for *five* years.

Of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College the term of one member expires, viz., Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, and we recommend that he be re-elected for the term of *ten* years.

We recommend also that Elder C. C. Leader be re-elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the term of *five* years.

On the Board of Publication two vacancies occur. To fill these vacancies we nominate the following persons, one of each couplet to be chosen:

I. Jacob H. Stein, Joseph L. Lemberger.
II. James T. Reber, H. S. Dotterer.

Respectfully submitted,

EML. V. GERHART,
FRANKLIN J. MOHR, HIRAM C. HOOVER,
J. G. RUPP, CHAS. F. HARTZELL.

The report on Nominations was adopted and the committee was instructed to have the tickets printed.

The election of the member on the Board of Trustees of Synod was made the order of the day on Saturday at 3.30 P. M., and the remainder of the ticket on Monday at 3.30 P. M.

The election was held at the hours specified. At the first election Rev. Thos. H. Leinbach and Elder P. Williard acted as tellers. The roll was called and the ballot was taken. The votes were counted and the results reported to the President and are recorded in Art. XV. on Finance.

At the second election Rev. C. B. Weaver and Elder R. H. Kramm acted as tellers. The roll was called and the ballot taken. The votes were counted and the results announced and are recorded in Art. XIII., College and Seminary; Art. XIV., Missions; Art. XVIII., Sunday-schools, and Art. XIX., Publication.

The Stated Clerk, in accordance with the instruction of Synod, cast the ballot for the election of those mentioned on the ticket where there was but one nominee.

Report of Special Committee on Calvin College.

A communication, with the yearly report of Treasurer of Calvin College, was presented to Synod in the Report on Overtures. These papers were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. C. B. Schneder, Thos. C. Leinbach and Elder C. C. Leader, who presented on Tuesday, during the morning session, the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred item 10 in "Report on Overtures," consisting of the report of the President of Calvin College, together with the printed report of its Treasurer, respectfully begs leave to report as follows:

From the report we learn, adopting its own language, that the work of German-English education has been carried on during the year and that this school is endeavoring to contribute its share toward the winning of our German Church into full fellowship with the American Church. In the metropoles of our country especially, where large German churches have been planted and where but very isolated attempts have so far been made to introduce English services, Calvin College finds a wide field of usefulness, supplying them with pastors willing to introduce the English in their Sunday-schools and their evening services, when desired or needed.

The report further indicates that the number of students in the College is encouraging, that its finances are in a healthy

condition, and it states that the management of the College feels itself deeply indebted to this reverend body for the aid redered that it holds itself in readiness to receive any instructions or suggestions that Synod may have for it, and that the last Sunday in October has been designated by Erie Classis as "Calvin College Day," bespeaking our kind remembrance and prayers on that day.

In view of the foregoing, your committee recommends for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That Synod learns with pleasure of the important and successful work that is being done by Calvin College.

2. *Resolved,* That Synod hereby commend this institution to the prayers and liberality of its people, especially on the last Sunday of October, designated as "Calvin College Day."

3. *Resolved,* That the sum of $300 be appropriated to aid this institution. Respectfully submitted,

C. B. SCHNEDER,
T. C. LEINBACH,
C. C. LEADER.

The several items in the report were affirmed, the report was adopted as a whole, and the amount appropriated was referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Communication from the Board of Wichita University.

The communication of Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of the Board of Wichita University, was presented to Synod in the 12th item in the report on Overtures. The communication was read, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to record it in the Minutes. It reads as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In response to your favorable action, taken a year ago, with reference to permitting the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, in so far as your Synod was interested, in paying to the guarantors, B. Bausman, *et al.*, the remaining Endowment Fund in the hands of said institution, would respectfully report:

1st. That both the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods likewise took favorable action, as did your Synod, looking forward to cancelling the debt resting upon said institution.

2d. That the Board of Wichita University paid in full,

with interest, the balance due its former Professors, and also the other debts of the institution.

3d. That the Board of Trustees, at a meeting held last May, directed its President to assign all its remaining assets of loans and claims for funds in hands of Receiver of State National Bank; as also to transfer by deed the properties held by said institution, which represented a part of the Endowment Fund, to the Reading Trust Company, the present holder of said mortgage, as requested by said guarantors through Geo. F. Baer, Esq.

4th. That the President of said Board made the transfers, as directed, as soon as the proper papers could be executed, and placed all of them into the hands of George F. Baer, Esq., who gave a receipt in behalf of himself and the other guarantors for same, enumerating each transfer separately, and attached a guarantee to such receipt, to surrender to the Synod of the Interior the bond and mortgage of ten thousand dollars, as soon as said guarantors could have a meeting and complete the transfer with the Reading Trust Company. This will, no doubt, be completed shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, *President*
Board of Wichita University.

Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. W. F. More, Wm. M. Landis, and Elder Chas. L. Hottenstein a Committee on Excuses for leave of absence, who, at the close of the sessions, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Excuses begs leave to report that it has granted excuses to the following:

Elder J. B. Kieffer, Lancaster Classis, after Saturday noon; Elder J. A. Caldwell, Wyoming Classis, after Saturday evening; Elder Saml. Getschen, West Susquehanna Classis, after Friday evening; Elder E. H. Burkholder, Lancaster Classis, after Saturday evening; Elder S. S. Jones, Philadelphia Classis, after Friday evening; Elder C. S. Messinger, East Pennsylvania Classis, after Saturday noon; Elder H. C. Hoover, Philadelphia Classis, after Saturday evening; Rev. Geo. Butz, East Susquehanna Classis, Saturday afternoon; Elder C. C. Leader, Schuylkill Classis, after Monday evening; Elder

W. H. Buck, Goshenhoppen Classis, after Saturday evening; Rev. Geo. W. Richards, Lehigh Classis, after Saturday evening; Elder M. H. Richards, Lehigh Classis, after Saturday evening; Elder Chas. Hottenstein, Lehigh Classis, after Monday night session; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, West Susquehanna Classis, after Monday afternoon's session; Rev. Isaac Shaeffer, East Susquehanna Classis, after Monday night session: Rev. C. E. Wehler, Lancaster Classis, after Monday night's session; Elder J. L. J. Stoudt, Lebanon Classis, after Monday morning session; Elder Daniel Shepp, Schuylkill Classis, after 8.30 Monday morning; Rev. T. N. Reber, Lehigh Classis, after Saturday morning session; Elder M. L. Fluck, after Monday night's session; Rev. W. D. Happel, after Monday afternoon's session; Elder Smawley, after Monday afternoon's session.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. More,
W. M. Landis,
Charles L. Hottenstein.

Request from Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

In the 3d item in the report on Overtures, the reception of the Minutes of the late sessions of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society, held at Lancaster, Pa., are noted. The Minutes were read, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have them published, under the same cover, with the Minutes of the Eastern Synod.

Reporters to the Press.

At the opening of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. J. S. Hartman and Geo. S. Butz reporters to the press. At the close of the sessions, the following report was presented to Synod and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod:

Fathers and Brethren: Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting the proceedings of Synod to the newspapers, begs leave to report that it has endeavored to faithfully perform that duty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stewart Hartman, *Chairman.*

Place and Time for Synod's Next Annual Sessions.

An invitation was extended to Synod by the pastor of the

Second Reformed church, Reading, Pa., to hold its next annual sessions in the aforesaid church.

The invitation was thankfully received and accepted.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Synod again convene in annual sessions on Wednesday, October 19, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M.

Addresses by Visiting Brethren.

Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, addressed Synod on the Foreign Work, on Friday, and Rev. Rufus W. Miller, General Sunday-school Secretary, on the Sunday-school Cause. On Saturday, during the afternoon session, Rev. C. R. Ferner, the Business Manager of the Publication Board, addressed Synod on the interests of the Publication Board. At the evening service, as noted in the report on Religious Services, several visiting brethren had subjects assigned them, on the program, concerning the special work in which each was personally interested, who spoke with edification to large congregations.

Election of Treasurer.

On Tuesday, shortly before the close of the sesison, in accordance with the instruction of Synod, the Stated Clerk cast the ballot in favor of the election of Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., as Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of St. John's Reformed church, of Milton, Pa., and others, for the generous hospitality with which they entertained the members of Synod during these sessions.

Resolved, That the pastor read this resolution of thanks from the pulpit, and publish it in the papers of the town.

Resolved, That Synod tenders its thanks to the Synodical reporters for their faithful reports of the proceedings to the daily papers; also to the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., Penn-

sylvania and Northern Central and the Central Railroad of New Jersey, for issuing tickets to delegates at reduced rates.

The Synod having completed the transaction of business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was absent except those who were excused. The Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn finally, it be to meet in Second Reformed church, Reading, Pa., October 19, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 P. M.

Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday, October 26th, at noon, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

H. MOSSER, *President.*

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The tenth annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Synod, were held in the First Reformed church and Santee Hall, Lancaster, Pa., October 14th, 15th, 1897.

The sessions were opened and closed with religious services. Twenty-three delegates and ten officers of Classical societies were present.

The officers elected for the ensuing year, are:

President: Mrs. Anna McHenry, Stillwater, Pa.

Recording Secretary: Miss Kate Land, Catasauqua, Pa.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Rebecca S. Dotterer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer: Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, Reading, Pa.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Resolutions: Mrs. A. R. Bartholomew, Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Mrs. C. D. Schaeffer.

On Auditing Accounts: Mrs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Mrs. E. C. Hibschmann, Mrs. C. B. Schneder.

On Reporting: Miss H. Anne Rittenhouse, Miss Jeannette Althouse, Mrs. McHenry, and Mrs. Dotterer.

Committee on Program submitted the following order of service, with papers and addresses, which was adopted:

THURSDAY EVENING.

Session held in First Reformed church.

Anthem by the choir.

Devotional services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Titzel, and Rev. J. W. Memminger.

Greeting, Miss Helen R. Stahr, Lancaster.

Response, Miss Jeannette Althouse, Reading.

Hymn.

Paper, "Individual Responsibility or Mission Work," by Mrs. E. F. Thoman, of Penllyn, read by Mrs. R. S. Dotterer, Philadelphia.

Solo, by Miss Christie Dietz, Sunbury.

Address, "Woman's Mission," Rev. Ambrose Schmidt, Lancaster.

Anthem by the choir.

Collection.

Paper, "Christian Giving," Mrs. Anna McHenry, Stillwater.

Closing service.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Session held in Santee Hall.

Anthem, College choir.

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart and Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr.

Hymn.

Paper, "The Woman's Alliance at Glasgow, Scotland," Miss Elizabeth Barnhardt, Millersville.

Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, Reading.

Recitation, "The Finding of the Cross," Miss Amanda Landes, Millersville.

Solo, by Miss Christie Dietz.

Paper, "Rev. Benjamin Schneider," by Miss Anna Allen, Lancaster.

Solo, "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," Miss H. Anne Rittenhouse, Norristown.

Collection.

Anthem, College choir.

Hymn and closing service.

Report of the Treasurer.

Balance in Treasury, October, 1896	$24 40
Order of Service sold	36
Collections	25 77
W. M. S. Philadelphia Classis	410 50
" Lebanon Classis	305 58
" Wyoming Classis	420 75
" West Susquehanna Classis	75 00
" East Pennsylvania Classis	217 50
" East Susquehanna Classis	250 75
" Lehigh Classis	284 00
" Reading Classis	507 50
" Goshenhoppen Classis	102 00
" Schuylkill Classis	270 50
" Lancaster Classis	451 00
" Tohickon Classis	... ..
	$3,345 11
Expenditures	3,328 26
Balance in Treasury	$ 16 85

The report was submitted to the Auditing Committee, who found it correct.

Various sums of money have been raised by the Women's Classical societies, which were not forwarded to our Synodical Treasurer, therefore they do not receive credit in this report.

The total membership has increased during the past year.

Although we failed to meet our pledge of last year by several hundred dollars, the society *Resolved*, That we assume $2,000 for the support of the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan, and $1,500 for Home Missions; and that we endeavor to raise the deficit of the past year in addition.

A communication from Miss Anna Kieffer, Chairman of "Mission Band Helper," was read, and $25 was pledged by the various Classical societies towards its support.

Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, Chairman of "The Woman's Journal" Committee, stated the financial condition of the "Journal," and that the subscription list must number at least 2,000 to make it self-supporting. We consented to labor diligently to increase its circulation.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report to the Society, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the guiding hand of God in our labors during the past year, and humbly beseech His gracious presence to abide with us in all our future work; therefore,

Resolved, That, with God at hand to bless, all things are possible, and that, in the strength of this assurance, we will go forward with renewed vigor in the work of the Master, and aid in spreading the Gospel in this country and Japan.

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Classical and local societies be advised, in sending remittances to the Treasurer of the Synodical society, not to designate any special object for their contributions, but to allow the same to go into the general fund as specified by the Synodical society.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the W. M. S. of Eastern Synod has pledged itself to raise the sum of $3,500, the Classical societies be earnestly requested to make the payment of their various pledges the first object of consideration.

Resolved, That as far as practicable, it be urged that a Woman's Missionary Society, or a Mission Band, be organized in every congregation.

Resolved, That missionary literature be disseminated throughout the Church, and, especially, that the circulation of "The Woman's Journal" and "Mission Band Helper" be largely increased.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synodical society be tendered to the ladies of Lancaster for their kind hospitality; also, to the First Reformed church and the Theological Seminary for the use of their buildings, and to all others who gave their help in making this annual meeting a success.

Resolved, That we sincerely hope this commingling of business and Christian fellowship may be for our good and the glory of God.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His all-wise providence to remove from us Mrs. Carrie H. Stein and Mrs. S. J. Houtz, both very faithful members and efficient officers of our Society; therefore,

Resolved, That while we submissively bow to the will of Him who rules with infinite wisdom in death as well as in life, we mournfully express our sense of severe loss caused by their decease.

Resolved, That we commend their example of noble Christian womanhood and faithful active service, in the cause of Christ, to all the women of the Church.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, in the loss of their devoted wives and mothers.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the respective families, and be published in "The Woman's Journal."

After the close of the session in Santee Hall, on Friday evening, all delegates and friends present were invited to the banqueting hall in the room below.

Mrs. E. V. Gerhart, Mrs. J. H. Dubbs and Mrs. Netcher received the guests most cordially. Beautiful floral decorations adorned the hall, and while refreshments were being

served by the ladies and students, Miss Landes evoked the merriment of the company with several inimitable recitations.

Kindly greetings were exchanged, and we were loath to part; the fallen leaves on the college campus reminded us that all things have an end, so we bade adieu, but the pleasant memories of these classic halls will linger.

MRS. ANNA MCHENRY,
President.

MRS. REBECCA S. DOTTERER,
Corresponding Secretary.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS, May 17, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Excommunic'r'd	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
Rev. Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	490	415	356	41	1	21	15	14		2	18	10	1	$295 00	$1275 00	6		Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville	4	540	450	240	39		16	10	2		18	13	5		127 00	1200 00	8	50	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. Robert Lisberger	St. Peters	2	98		28	6										21 00	200 00	4	10	Bath, Pa.
Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Lafayette College																			Easton, Pa.
Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock	Super-Annuated																			Paterson, N. J.
Rev. Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	403	320	160	29		14	28	4		30	3			250 00	1600 00	7	30	Easton, Pa.
Rev. J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	854	525	650	47		30					23	9		154 00	1450 00	12	130	Bath, Pa.
Rev. J. W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	700	475	400	29		41	69	8			19	8	2	246 00	1100 00	13	150	Cherryville, Pa.
Rev. J. G. Neff	Without charge																			Hamburg, Pa.
Rev. Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	640	460	370	28		26	1	1		2	14	4	1	150 00	900 00	12	50	Effort, Pa.
Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	First Church, Easton	1	562	405	170	13	1	33	8	4			7	1		1240 00	3640 00	14		Easton, Pa.
Rev. Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasauqua	1	282	263	175	33		10	5	4		5	6	7	1	285 00	1352 00	14	90	Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. J. O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	256	185	113	10		8	2	2		1	6		1	194 00	1027 00	7	75	Bath, Pa.
Rev. John Wolbach	Without charge																			Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	420	384	115	8			2	2			7	2	1	220 00	1275 00	10	25	Stone Church, Pa.
Rev. G. A. Schwedes	Christ Church, Bethlehem	1	525	430	190	18		29	31	6		30	8	3	2	1590 00	4725 00	16	250	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. S. F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	658	471	571	17		51		5			9	3	2	120 00	1000 00	6		Broadheadsville, Pa.
Rev. Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	300	200	275	23		5	5	2		4	4	7		54 00	1500 00	10		Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	400	355	260	40			12	9			12	4		2090 00	750 00	10	40	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. W. H. Wotring, B.D.	Dryland	2	750	625	500	31		27	36	2		5	9	6	1	332 00	1600 00	13	200	Nazareth, Pa.
Rev. George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	3	369	325	165	20		16		10		12	12	3		136 00	800 00	6	125	Bath, Pa.
Rev. John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	2	272	214	190	12	1	13	4	6		4	6	1		259 00	1470 00	16	10	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. L. M. Kerschner,	Without charge																			Parryville, Pa.
Rev. O. P. Steckel	Grace Cong., Easton	1	200	140	120	5		14	5	2			2	1		63 00	786 00	7	50	Easton, Pa.
Rev. Irvin M. Bachman	East Mauch Chunk	1	175	134	71	17		3	6	4			1	5	1	42 00	1420 00	10	30	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Rev. E. L. Kemp	Prof. Stroudsburg N. S.																			East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Rev. Thomas H. Krick	Weissport	1	246	157	165	30	2	18	21	1		20	3	7		113 00	1100 00	8	65	Weissport, Pa.
Rev. George W. Remagen	Bangor	1	204	172	110	7		6	2	1		7		3		95 00	1613 00	12	127	Bangor, Pa.
Rev. J. G. Rupp	Towamensing	3	420	290	425	26		57	60	5			6	2		148 00	1247 00	18	75	Parryville, Pa.
Rev. F. H. Moyer	Siegfried's Bridge	1	101	92	35	6		17	42							53 00	334 00	7	20	Siegfried's Bridge, Pa.
Rev. E. Clark Hibshman	Zion's, Stroudsburg	1	127	112		13	5	9	21	2		15	2			142 00	1501 00	10	35	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Rev. J. F. DeLong, supply	Rittersville Congregation	1	145	102	90	4		26					4	1		36 00	300 00	6	21	
Rev. S. P. Mauger, supply	Flicksville	1	75	68	27	3		11	1				3			18 00	185 00	6		
Vacant	Hamilton	1	150	82	60	3							3	1		14 00	400 00	12	12	
Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, sup	Cherry Valley	1																		
Rev. W. H. Brong	Tannersville	4	236	185	48	10		16				2	2		1		500 00	117	22	Cherryville, Pa.
Rev. G. A. Schwedes, supply	North Bethlehem	1																		
Lic. George William Royer																				Broadheadsville, Pa.
Ministers, 22; Licentiates, 2.		54	10598	8036	6279	568	10	517	386	96		157	202	93	14	18487 60	$36250 00	296	1783	

T. O. STEM, Stated Clerk.

LEBANON CLASSIS, for the year ending May 27, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations. No.	Members. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Excommunic't'd	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville	4	570	508	320	15	5	10	3	9			15	10	2	$589 00	$1520 00	20	100	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1475	1422	975	97	4	77	10	40		75	24	8	1	1273 21	2500 00	32	150	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge																	1		Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	Without charge					2												1		Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	Without charge																	1		Colebrookdale, Berks Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	830	670	875	106	5	40	12	9		7	27	20		256 00	3600 00	24	115	Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	682	590	283	23		47	8				10	6		163 00	975 00	20		Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1200	1050	524	71	7	56	5	21		20	28	11		212 00	3800 00	12	200	115 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	603	566	350	27	1	36	6	42		15	19	3	2	642 00	1565 00	24	56	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1015	950	500	46				7			41	6	3	460 00	1200 00	16	150	326 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	55	51	117	2	1	14	1	7				2		169 72	97 15	13		Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	780	520	450	25	5	20	3	8		10	8	2	1	637 00	4841 00	13	100	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	702	632	323	23	2	26		13		27	16	10		103 93	995 70	24	150	228 S. Third St., Reading, Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St. John's, Lebanon	1	359	295	110	15		11	2	4			8	1		1065 00	3021 98	15	135	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
*Albert Gonser	Myerstown	1	634	460	145	22	5	16	20	7		9	5	1		182 00	995 00	14		Mt. Carmel, Northumb. Co., Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	465	401	325	39	5	19	29	14		5	7	8	2	423 00	2665 00	10	75	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	Bethel	4	668	560	310	28	2	12	2	10			13	10		150 00	1250 00	20	60	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
†Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	295	273	120	20			1	2			10	3		87 05	469 57	8		Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
U. Henry Hellman	Without charge					1												1		Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	432	353	263	15	4	30	5	3		32	5	1		226 00	1133 00	16	110	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																			Columbia University, New York.
‡J. Rauch Stein																				Perkasie, Berks Co., Pa.
	**Grace Church, Avon	1	99	92	51	11		12	1				1	2		12 00	335 00	20		
	Belleman	1																		
18 Ministers.		52	10864	9393	6041	588	46	426	108	166		200	237	104	11	$6650 91	$30963 30	305	1401	

*Dismissed Sept. 10. †Dismissed May 28. ‡Dismissed Sept. 10. **Supplied by Rev. H. J. Welker.

JONATHAN E. HIESTER, Stated Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS, for the year ending May 18, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.				Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd Erasure of Names.	Deaths			Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
H. W. Super, D.D., LL.D.	Without charge																		Collegeville, Pa.
E. D. Shoemaker	Without charge																		1624 Susquehanna Av., Phila.
Joseph H. Hendricks, D.D.	Collegeville	3	363	322		5	11	5	22	12	7	7	4		$699 00	$2175 00	25		Collegeville, Pa.
James Crawford, D.D.	Christ Church, Phila.	1	195	165	44	3		4	11	5		1			675 00	3535 00	12		1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Detrich	St. Luke's, North Wales	1	212	185	48	11	4	16	6	5	10	7			300 00	1400 00	10		Flourtown, Pa.
John H. Sechler, D.D.	First Church, Phila.	1	235	180	40	16	3	8	10	8	13	6	3		458 00	4207 00	16		708 N. 16th St., Phila.
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.	Pres. of Ursinus Col.																		Collegeville, Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without charge																		Montgomery Square, Pa.
David N. Dittmar	Whitemarsh	1	231	185	74	6	2	4	1	2	2	2			421 00	2616 00	15		Ft. Wash., Mont. Co. Pa.
Charles H. Coon	Trinity, Philadelphia	1	450	400	140	19	5	25	10	4	34	13			6200 00	12015 00	20		1541 N. 7th St., Phila.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	273	208	80	9	13	30	21	14	10	5			214 00	8500 00	10		Norristown, Pa.
David U. Wolff	Boehm's	1	298	274	80	7	4	12		2	2	4	1		393 00	3365 00	18		Blue Bell, Pa.
Rev. H. F. Seiple	Without charge																		Lansdale, Mont. Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Editor of Messenger																		1025 Arch St., Phila.
Rufus C. Zartman, D.D.	Heidelberg	1	760	674	250	24	15	35	31	25	32	15	3		820 00	6460 00	15		1629 N. 19th St., Phila.
Henry A. Bomberger	Bethany Tabernacle	1	114	96	45	4		2	11	4		1			238 00	1508 00	13		2300 N. 20th St., Phila.
Silas L. Messinger	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	272	231	24	2	8	17	11	8	10	4	2		716 00	1940 00	15		Trappe, Pa.
John A. Mertz	St. Vincent	1	146	130	37	2	1	1	1	2		2			179 00	1050 00	11		Spring City, Pa.
Aaron Noll	Calvary	1	86	78	33	15		7	26	13	1	2			64 00	1441 00	6		2714 Lehigh Av., Phila.
Wilson Delaney	Bethel	1	135	100	65	15	2	5	10	5	40	1	1		600 00	1027 00	10		1605 S. 22d St., Phila.
George H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	135	106	75	6	3	7	2		1	4			90 00	935 00	9		Pottstown, Pa.
Charles B. Alspach	Messiah	1	190	138	98	22	5	19	6	16	15	2			91 00	1006 00	10		1233 Jackson St., Phila.
J. Lewis Fluck	Without charge																		Exton, Pa.
A. S. Bromer	Grace	1	428	408	139	27	7	30	77	6	18	3			505 00	4757 00	15		614 Diamond St., Phila.
Henry H. Apple	St. John's, Phila.	1	194	143	75	5	1		21	2	6	3			141 00	2087 00	15		4117 Powelton Av., Phila.
Charles E. Schaeffer	Ascension	1	305	252	130	26	5	22	5	70	58	5			407 00	2848 00	10		Norristown, Pa.
Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D.	Supply of Pikeland	1	42	43	11	1						1			2 00	233 00	5		West Pikeland, Pa.
Frank N. Bleiler	Brownback's	2	254	215	11		16	23	4	1	1	5			275 00	1122 00	16		Slonaker, Pa.
E. W. Middleton	Tioga	1	72	68	28	9	8	12	24						175 00	1932 00	7		1529 W. Moreland St., Phila.
Emmet C. Sult	St. Matthew's	2	240	224	47	4	2	6	1	3	7	4			320 00	1204 00	16		Anselma, Pa.
Samuel H. Seem	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	178	160	20	8	5	26	4	3	11	1			131 00	1703 00	12		Phoenixville, Pa.
Benoni Bates	Christ Ch., Norristown	1	96	92	38	3	7	18	29	1		1			45 00	1159 00	10		Norristown, Pa.
J. M. S. Isenberg, B.D.	First Rfd., Spring City	1	320	230	25		10	13	12	2	5	2			250 00	2550 00	12		Spring City, Pa.
A. O. Reiter	St. Paul's	1	117	76		2						3			24 00	32 00	10		Ridgely, Md.
J. Hunter Watts	Pleasantville	1	243	218	88	2	3	7	3	6		1	2		216 00	1102 00	7		Eureka, Pa.
Harry H. Hartman	East Vincent	1	135	90	3	3	5	6	2	6		4			44 00	747 00	10		Phoenixville, Pa.
Lic. Edwin Warner Lentz																			Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Lic. Howard Herbert Long																			Durham, Pa.
Vacant	Linfield	1	45	32												175 00	10		Linfield, Pa.
Vacant	St. John's, Delaware	1	40	29	8	2		8		11	29	3					6		Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
Ministers, 36.	Charges, 32.	35	6804	5752	1762	258	145	373	361	236	312	112	16		14693 00	$74831 00	350		

JNO. H. SECHLER, Stated Clerk.

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Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D	St. Stephen's, Lancaster	1	76	73	15	3				3				2		$ 778 91	$ 190 26	10		Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Theodore Appel, D.D.	Author																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	Without charge																			Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D.D.	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	60	46	25	1		6	3							1543 00	750 00	6	24	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John M. Titzel, D.D.	First Ch., Lancaster	1	493	375	149	11	6	23	6	4			14	1		541 19	2000 00	16		Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	350	259	206	25	10	12	8	5			8	2	1	405 00	902 00	6		New Holland, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard	Willow Street	3	465	372	136	8	22	25	2	9		8	2		1	435 00	5097 00	16	97	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer	Muddy Creek	4	666	570	305	49	3	48	4	12			18	11		145 79	836 00	14	50	Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.	Salem, Harrisburg	1	305	273	117	18	2	16	15	7		7	8	4		600 00	2478 00	16		Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	Fourth Ch., Harrisburg	1	91	85	78	15	10	14	5	2		11	1	3		110 75	1086 99	10	34	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.	Pres. F. & M. College																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John M. Souder	New Providence	2	258	226	120	6	9	23	4	4			6		1	161 00	1423 00	18		N. Providence, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker	Trinity, Columbia	1	377	273	200	22	4	18	16	7		4	5	2		337 80	1270 00	12	100	Columbia, Lanc. Co., Pa.
William F. Lichliter	St. Luke's, Lancaster	1	239	178	260	35	3	25	7	4		20	5	5		134 63	1100 62	10	510	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, D.D.	Missionary to Japan																			15 Dai machi, Akasala, Tokyo, Japan.
Newton J. Miller	Disabled																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
David B. Schneder	Missionary to Japan																			Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert	Reamstown	4	413	325	250	14	8	18	10	5			9	1		372 45	1275 00	22	115	Denver, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Benjamin F. Bausman	Without charge																			Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Theodore G. DeLyre	" "																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Henry H. Sangree	First Ch., Steelton	1	140	103	84	12	3	6	4	2			1			123 00	1098 00	15	61	Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa.
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lancaster	1	581	581	300	11	36	61	40	4		6	16	7	2	1552 40	4260 00	16		Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman	Second Ch., Harrisburg	1	195	154	120	14	2	3	5	1			1	3		200 00	1550 00	20		Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt	Prof. in F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Charles E. Wehler	Manheim	2	313	274	37	1	11	17	14	5		2	5		1	285 00	1700 00	10		Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.
B. Howard Roth	Millersville	2	310	255	95	3	11	26	2	6		8	1	1		170 00	1421 00	18	75	Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer	Elizabethtown	1	190	141	58	12	6	10	11	3			3	2		180 00	558 00	12	75	Elizabethtown, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Ellis S. Hay	Maytown	1	116	86	68	8	3	12	2	1			4	1		98 50	830 00	10	50	Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frank L. Kerr	Shoop's	3	198	166	45	8	4	4		2			4	2		146 00	800 00	13	40	Penbrook, Dauphin Co., Pa.
William Yenser	Marietta	1	148	92	100	40	2	15	3	2			4	5		40 00	600 00	10	12	Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Frederick C. Hullhorst	Bethany	3	190	154		6	7	10	5	1			4	3				10		Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa.
	Hummelstown	2	171	146	93	2			1	2			4	3	1	186 00	950 00	10		Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
	Charges, 23.	41	6345	5205	2861	324	162	392	167	91		66	123	58	7	$8546 42	$32175 89	300	1243	

Licentiates—Prof. John B. Kieffer, Ph.D., and Martin W. Schweitzer.

Theological Students—Thaddeus G. Helm, Robert J. Pilgram, Hermann S. Shelley, E. T. Rhodes, George B. Raeger, S. F. Gerberich and Paul L. Gerhard.

DARIUS W. GERHARD, Stated Clerk.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS, May 24-28, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired																		Ashland, Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	"																		Elizabethville, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	392	338	187	41		33		10	18	9	6		154 15	813 46	25	24	Mahanoy, Pa.
J. Calv'n Leinbach	Sunbury	1	332	301	210	26	3	12	21	14	11	6	6		454 00	1588 00	12	73	Sunbury, Pa.
C. H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	245	226	129	16		1	1	2		5		1	90 99	870 00	9	25	Sunbury, Pa.
S. P. Brown.	Uniontown	4	425	360	200	29	1	36	2	7	54	9	4		239 60	800 00	20		Pillow, Pa.
N. W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	405	332	240	51	2	32	7	3	4	8	30		136 00	1800 00	20		Ringtown, Pa.
J. A. Danner	Mt. Carmel	1	87	75	65	39			7			1	3		70 00	1100 00	8	20	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
C. B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	870	739	688	136	3	65	26	8		5	27	1	2385 47	3415 02	25	30	Shamokin, Pa.
J. J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	586	526	485	40	1	50	12	6	21	18	5	3	2062 40	920 00	17	13	Elizabethville, Pa.
L. D. Steckel	Tower City	3	128	87	80	8		11	3			2	7		52 23	963 62	13	5	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	435	412	351	33		42	8		10	8	5		445 00	3111 00	12	11	Ashland, Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Armstrong Valley	6	152	98	89	11	1	6		7	6	4	3	1	10 64	141 00	13	1	Enders, Pa.
John W. Reinecke	Millersburg	3	419	204	231	24		14	2	4		9	2	1	189 19	1031 00	18	63	Millersburg, Pa.
Oliver F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	5	304	268	120	18		29		1		4	4		119 06	1135 00	20	8	Hegins, Pa.
Harry M. Wissler	Catawissa	1	125	95	70	5			3	2		2	1		95 00	800 00	12	56	Catawissa, Pa.
L. M. Fetterolf	Mainville	3	144	131	88	16		14	4	1		5	4		52 00	1855 00	8	3	Mainville, Pa.
A. P. Frantz	Numidia	2	281	257	170	17	2	41	24	2			6		127 50	1800 00	15	31	Newlin, Pa.
J. W. Buck	Mt. Pleasant	2	120	100	117	30	1	33	33			2	3			570 00	35		McAdoo, Pa.
Geo. S. Butz.	Paxinos	2	218	175	135	10	1	15	38	4	4	3			76 62	582 85	15		Paxinos, Pa.
Vacant.	Line Mountain	6	355	260	90	14			3			8	2		34 20	1350 00	20		
	St. Matt. Slav	1	70	42	38					12		5	4			310 00	6		Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Raymond E. Butz.	Without charge																		1626 Summer St., Phila., Pa.
Jos. A. Schlappich	" "																		Line Mountain, Pa.
Supply, O. F. Schaeffer	St. John's	1	14	11	16	1						1	2		5 60	12 50	3		
" J. A. Danner	Hope	1	15	14	30							1				65 00	4		Excelsior, Pa.
Ministers, 22.	Charges, 20.	61	6122	5051	3829	568	15	437	194	83	128	115	124	7	$6799 65	$25033 45	330	1000	

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS, May 19, A. D. 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
Daniel M. Wolf, D.D.	Prin. Penn. Hall Ac y																		Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser	Without charge																		White Deer, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	450	400	395	32	1	45	2	13		14	3		$ 300 00	$ 2200 00	15	78	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	5	561	466	225	18		21	5	2	22	10	2		317 00	915 00	36	78	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
John Dotterer	Temporarily disabled																		Lamar, Clinton Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	435	396	277	31	3	12	12	14	3	6	2		323 00	975 00	24	123	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Centre Hall	4	358	336	176	25		24	16	18		5		2	301 00	4184 00	20	75	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	5	420	368	215	24	1	19	12	14		17	3		212 00	838 00	14		New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Aaronsburg	5	317	285	226	12	1	10	17	9	2	7	2		312 00	677 00	28	66	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	3	498	427	266	21	3	17	7	6	4	11	3	1	3777 00	1629 00	24	160	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	275	220	150	8	9	18	15	8		6	3		166 00	1200 00	12	35	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Marion L. Firor	Williamsport	1	275	225	124	13	2	5	38	3	1	2	3		235 00	1685 00	20	6	Williamsport, 711 Packer St., Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Bellefonte	2	289	254	75	11	1	8	11	12		2			365 00	1279 00	16	120	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Howard H. Spahn	Liverpool	7	346	300	180	11		12	1	2		3			66 00	2100 00	14	25	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Zwingli A. Yearick	Lewisburg	2	252	228	101	5		3	19	6	15	5			250 00	1326 00	25	99	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
Moses N. George	Rebersburg	5	332	270	167	15			4	14		5	4		198 00	984 00	24	100	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
James M. Runkle	Nittany Valley	5	314	298	134	7	2	32	40	1		3	1	1	252 00	815 00	25	75	Hublersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
James R. Bergey	White Deer	3	430	398	184	23	5	32	5	6		6	5	1	257 00	981 00	25	50	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
Supply, Bergey	Montg'y Cong	1	22	7	1			4	21						10 00	109 00	6		West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
John F. Kerlin	Licentiate																		Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.
Ministers, 18; Lics., 1.	Charges, 15.	60	5574	4898	2896	256	28	262	225	128	47	102	31	5	$7341 00	$21897 00	328	1150	

WM. A. HAAS, Stated Clerk.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS, for the year ending May 25, 1897.

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Clement Z. Weiser, D.D.	Without charge																			East Greenville, Pa.
S. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	700	606	500	75	2	26	8	15		40	21	22	1	$ 534 95	$ 3418 31	20		Pottstown, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant	Without charge																			Pennsburg, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	522	472	210	15	16	21	6	16			12	4	1	217 50	1000 00	15	75	Skippack, Pa.
Eli Keller, D.D.	Zionsville	4	888	870	595	59	3	76	7	6			18	20		331 00	1274 00	24		Zionsville, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	735	648	455	58	2	20	4	2			15	12	1	441 00	1491 00	16	90	Oley, Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	404	295	230	29	3	12	9	9		4	8	9		162 00	1904 00	10		Pottstown, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	2	598	423	296	30	1	27	12	8			11	16		314 00	2215 00	15	112	Boyertown, Pa.
Lawrence D. Leberman	Without charge																			Gr'd Av., cor. 7th St., Phila.
J. Lucian Roush	Old Goshenhoppen	4	876	718	450	32	9	34	26	17		2	18	8	2	810 00	1491 00	24	220	Pennsburg, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Royersford	1	128	96	58	6	6	14	11	5		11	1			42 80	520 28	10	90	Royersford, Pa.
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	3	499	491	255	35	3	18	6	7		17	16	2		203 00	1461 00	15	100	Boyertown, Pa.
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	772	670	300	30		16	17	4			19	8		596 00	2218 00	15	120	East Greenville, Pa.
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	415	297	155	11	3	4	3	8		5	5	4		213 00	1612 00	17	150	Schwenksville, Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach	Gr't Swamp, Ches. Hill	2	522	466	232	14		7	8	5			11	4		440 00	2425 00	18	90	Spinnerstown, Pa.
*William G. Engle	Without charge																			Williamsport, Pa.
Vacant	Hill	1																		Hill Church, Pa.
J. Abner Hunsicker	Licentiate																			Schwenksville, Pa.
Montgomery M. Fryer	"																			Pottstown, Pa.
Ministers, 15.		28	7059	6052	3733	394	48	275	117	102		79	155	109	5	$4305 25	$21029 59	199	1047	

*Died February 3d, 1897.

C. S. WIEAND, Stated Clerk.

TOHICKON CLASSIS, May 31, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Excommunic'd	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
*David Rothrock	Without charge																			Bethlehem, Pa.
*Levi C. Shelp	Doylestown	1	170	115	130	3											$ 400 00	12		Doylestown, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	805	725	371	22	7	29	3	14		5	26	7	2	$ 477 30	1521 58	20		Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	104	55	51	2		7	2	3		3	2	1		56 00	145 00	8	25	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	565	469	350	27		17	21	7		5	11	6	2	332 00	1667 00	12		Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	419	391	120	16	2	19	13	5			6		1	300 26	3005 00	24	70	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Lower Saucon	4	581	465	307	14		16	10	2			8			500 65	3767 36	24	200	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seiple	Hilltown	2	397	336	240	5	6	18	1	15			15	10	2	130 00	1059 00	12		Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	309	260	192	16	1	9	11	2			1	2		2281 87	1832 28	12		Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothrock	Lansdale	1	313	280	75	11	11	20	23	5				5		196 00	1521 00	9	50	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	798	737	420	46	1	76	22	11		116	9	10		252 00	1465 00	22		Coopersburg, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	530	460	215	31	1	29		8			5	2		197 52	825 00	24		Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	318	297	160	13	1	10	1			2	9			82 00	730 00	14		Frenchtown, N. J.
Chas. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	626	479	220	35	1	11	11	4		34	16	6		320 00	1614 00	13	100	Ferndale, Pa.
David Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	435	254	264	43			9	7		58	2	4		269 24	6306 41	12		South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbauersville	3	530	460	325	48	6	36	5	16		25	17	11		105 00	1372 00	24		Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, supply	Leidy's & Souderton	2	231	221	90	8	2	2	16	3			6	5		126 00	721 13	16		Quakertown, Pa.
John Naille	Without charge																			Hatfield, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without charge																			Bath, Pa.
W. H. Mader	South Easton	1	320	208	209	12	1	21	12	1		1	6	4		100 00	1250 00	10	100	South Easton, Pa.
J. M. J. Isenberg	Durham	3	511	367	222	21	1	28	13	6		48	5	2	1	340 55	1773 99	22	51	Durham, Pa.
Supplied	Zion's Hill Cong	1	50	37	30								2				55 00			
Wilson S. Hartzel, Lic.																				Chalfont, Pa.
Thomas W. Dickert, Lic.																				Quakertown, Pa.
		29	8012	6616	3801	373	42	348	181	109		297	149	75	8	$6116 39	$29030 75	301	596	

*Deceased.

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

LEHIGH CLASSIS, May 17, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunic'd	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	325	295	145	26		10		4			14			$ 81 00	$ 14 00	10		Maxatawny, Berks Co., Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D.D.	Egypt	4	1170	980	570	68		56	13	11			20	14	3	610 00	1635 00	24	340	Allentown, Pa.
Abraham Bartholomew	Disabled																			Lehighton, Pa.
E. J. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	925	819	500	77		45		17			42		1	379 00	1000 00	20		Fogelsville, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's.	1	721	515	255	15	1	21	19	6			6	5		1758 00	4424 00	25		24 S. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.	Disabled																			Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss	Lenhartsville.	4	610	495	310	48		25		5			18	4		75 00	1300 00	20	50	Lenhartsville, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	Disabled																			Allentown, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Supt. Pub. Instr. Pa.																			Lancaster, Pa.
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	700	625	515	69		24	6	7			20	16	2	155 00	1300 00			Lynnport, Lehigh Co., Pa.
N. W. Helffrich	Ziegel's	5	1000	900	700	58		69		50			35		5	427 00	1000 00			123 N. 11th St., Allentown, Pa.
M. H. Diefenderfer	Christ	1	292	199	150	41		35	12	2		5	1	4		82 00	7400 00	18		Allentown, Pa.
N. F. Peters	Slatington	1	500	415	300	56		35	55	15		20	20	10		200 00	1500 00	20	100	Slatington, Pa.
C. J. Kurtz	Without charge																			Reading, Pa.
Alvin Reber	Zion's	1	545	371	325	36		21	16	6			7	5	1	385 00	1126 00	12	40	Lehighton, Pa.
J. Kurtz	Without charge																			526 Penn St., Reading, Pa.
H. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. & M. Col.																			Lancaster, Pa.
J. D. Brensinger	Fleetwood.	4	780	697	242	55		73	2	2			20		2	281 00	2300 00	24		Fleetwood, Pa.
C. H. Kessler	Without charge																			Allentown, Pa.
M. Tobias W. Richards	Sa em's.	1	1190	1088	729	103	5	68	56	17		7	33	18	1	1405 00	9502 00	20		137 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
George Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	837	657	551	29		11	10	3		5	11	9		1421 00	3708 00	20		Allentown, Pa.
T. J. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School																			Kutztown, Pa.
W. W. Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown Col																			Allentown, Pa.
J. W. B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	860	700	170	25		68	20	2			15	6	1	209 00	1350 00	26		Kutztown, Pa.
George N. Reber	Mahoning	3	535	326	380	16		19					7	5	1	95 00	675 00	16		Adreas, Pa.
Thomas J. Hinke	Trinity, Allentown	1	160	110	130	15	4	18	38	2		12	4	5		127 00	872 00	6	70	Allentown, Pa.
William H. Erb	Summit Hill	2	277	205	125	21	1	36	26	2		2	2	6		57 00	1545 00	16		Lansford, Pa.
Elmer E. Leinbach	Kutztown Charge	2	294	230	150	7				6			4		1	46 00	500 00	20		Kutztown, Pa.
F. A. DeLong	Salisbury	3	645	314	350	5		10	2				2			136 00	130 00	20		
T. W. Dickert	Solomon's, Macungie	1	205	171		15		19		1				3		125 00	700 00			Macungie, Pa.
N. W. Helffrich, supply	Frieden's Charge	1	200	120		5							3			42 00	185 00			
H. S. Apple, supply	Grimsville	1	180	145	100	5							5	1		37 00	204 00	5	15	Hamburg, Pa.
H. S. Apple, supply	Lenhartsville	1	70	64	40				1				3			65 00	122 00	5	10	Hamburg, Pa.
T. N. Reber, supply	West Penn.	2	400	295	275	39							17			46 00	625 00	12		
		56	13421	10723	7112	834	11	653	276	159		51	330	121	18	$3353 00	$45003 00	339	635	

M. H. DIEFENDERFER, Stated Clerk.

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SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS, for the year ending June 7, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adul Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunic't'd	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
H. A. Keyser, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	880	800	775	89	1	44	13	10		15	8	29		$425 00	$2000 00	12	200	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Henry Leisse	Bethany	3	380	318	185	43		12		3			14	9		163 00	550 00	12	60	Orwigsburg, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew	Trinity, Pottsville	1	546	354	450	45	1	20	31	13		19	8	6		629 00	4000 00	16	250	5 N. Sixth St., Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	291	242	175	37		11	5	2			8	5		120 00	1020 00	12	100	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	740	590	372	61		49	20	4		20	12	11		461 00	3112 00	22	120	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's, Sch'l Haven	1	348	281	165	27		11	7	5		6	12	6		425 00	1700 00	10	75	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	293	263	245	30		16	2				9	6	1	115 00	1530 00	11	165	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	254	225	150	30		17	7	7			3	5		132 00	1240 00	8	75	Cressona, Pa.
T. J. Bower	Frackville	3	204	166	122	11		22	4	8		8	2	3		91 00	2490 00	16	66	Frackville, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Tremont	3	313	253	145	62	1	8	6	4		7	6	8		90 00	820 00	12	82	Tremont, Pa.
Robert O'Boyle	Trinity, Shenandoah	1	382	315	325	50		23	3	1		10	6	11		175 00	1500 00	12	60	Shenandoah, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	First Church, Pottsville	1	300	200	160	24		7	21			3	3	3		108 00	1016 00	8	30	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	Teacher																			Mahanoy City, Pa.
Edward S. Bromer	Orwigsburg	2	310	275	100	22	1	19	3	3			3	10		304 00	1537 00	11	80	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Elmer S. Noll	Pinegrove	3	478	351	450	70	5	28	6			3	3	9		101 00	2275 00	12	75	Pinegrove, Pa.
†I. F. Wagner	Minersville-St. Clair	2	227	170	155	31	1	31	29	5		16	7	5		75 00	1496 00	10	25	1204 Howard Ave., Pottsville, Pa.
Geo. W. Gerhard, Supply	Port Clinton	1	60	58	70	10		9					2			12 00	150 00	4		Hamburg, Pa.
J. J. Fisher, Supply	Christ's	1	184	158	165	23		12	3				9	3		21 00	300 00			
J. J. Fisher, Supply	St. Peter's	1	38	35	35	5							2	1		6 00	75 00			
J. J. Fisher, Supply	Zion's	1	42	38	28	2			2				2	1		9 00	160 00			
Ministers, 16.	Charges, 15.	33	6270	5142	4272	662	10	339	162	65		107	111	131	1	$3462 00	$27071 00	188	1457	

†Installed November 11th, 1896.

W. J. MUIR, Stated Clerk.

WYOMING CLASSIS, for the year ending June 2, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Additions. Dismissed.	Additions. Excommunic't'd Erasure of Names.	Additions. Deaths—Communicants.	Additions. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alfred Houtz	Orangeville	4	320	251	92	5	1	4	13	16	21	11			$193 00	$1180 00	8	95	Orangeville, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer	Weatherly	3	516	360	325	64		28	6	3	12	20	15		202 00	1525 00	16	40	Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.
D. E. Schoedler	Paradise	3	469	361	432	20	2	19	5	10		11	1	3	589 00	1150 00	24	75	Turbotville, Pa.
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	333	274	128	11	3	15	8	8	5	4	2		279 00	1440 00	16	100	Watsontown, North'd Co., Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Conyngham	4	900	682	470	58	2	50	5	9		11	4	1	445 00	1050 00	8		Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa.
George W. Kerschner	Christ Ch., Fayette, N. Y.	1	89	50	20	8			1	4	2	3	1		40 00	740 00	5		Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
David W. Ebbert	Milton	1	406	321	141	8	1	24	8	12	3	6	3		904 00	3208 00	12	181	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	119	96	94	22		5	4	1	3	4	2		79 00	625 00	4	31	Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Freeland	2	354	311	321	33	1	11	10	15	153	5	6	1	386 00	1644 00	15	72	Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Charles H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	215	161	120	6	3	8	5	7	2	4	2	1	323 00	1410 00	8	80	Bloomsburg, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	160	129	154	19		2	5			2	6		151 00	950 00	9	10	Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa.
S. C. Meckel	St. Luke	1	35	24	20	20	4	7		7	5	4	5		30 00	975 00	4	6	No. 51 Hollenback Ave., Wilkes-Bar
Cosmos H. Herbst	West Hazleton	1	164	128	125	37		27	16	8	13	6	8	1	95 00	1503 00	12	30	West Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa.
William D. Happel	Wilkes-Barre	1	327	231	263	30	1	20	24	1	40	2	1		168 00	4511 00	10	51	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Without charge																		
Sefellen E. Stofflett	Hazleton (Emmanuel)	1	315	250	200	29	1	11	42	3	4	1	5		429 00	3369 00	12	140	Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Elias S. Noll	Overton	2	179	125	65	11	5	13	1	1		1	2		56 00	1166 00	9	45	Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.
Thomas A. Huber																			
William H. Loose	Mansdale	2	205	194	65	16			10	7		2	3		143 00	903 00	10	82	Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
Amandus H. Herbst	Wapwallopen	6	391	327	286	43	1	36	4	6	49	10	13		209 00	12 00	34		Wapwallopen, Pa.
William E. Bushong	Danville	1	295	217	160	10	3	17	10	7	32	3	3	1	295 00	1400 00	12	90	Danville, Pa.
H. F. Witzel	Hazleton (Grace)	1	383	236	205	64		30	44	1		5	9		187 00	2117 00	7		No. 209 N. Wyoming St., Hazleton,
George W. Welsh	Scranton	1	76	75	41	6	2	3	12	1		1	1		13 00	887 00	9	20	No. 718 Gibson St., Scranton, Pa.
Harvey A. Welker	Pittston	1	22	11	26	3	2	5	3		3					163 00	6	2	No. 382 N. Main St., Pittston, Pa.
Joseph W. Bell	Emanuel	2	258	165	111	2			3	6	7	2			57 00	299 00	15		Strawberry Ridge, Pa.
Alfred Houtz, Supply	Brier Creek	1	39	30		3				2	3	2			20 00	150 00	2	12	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
Lice. E. C. Musselman																			Overton, Sullivan Co., Pa.
Lice. R. Raymond Jones																			416 W. Lemon St., Lancaster, Pa.
Ministers, 25.	Charges, 23.	44	6570	5009	3864	528	32	335	239	135	357	120	92	8	$5293 00	$32377 00	267	1162	

D. E. SCHOEDLER, Stated Clerk.

READING CLASSIS, for the year ending June, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Excommunic't'd	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	P. O. ADDRESS.
B. Bausman, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	750	625	300	18	1	22	27	15			9	3		$5352 00	$4843 00	13		Reading, Pa.
Henry Mosser, D.D.	First Reformed	1	1086	980		53	5	33	28	10		25	18	9		1350 00	9654 00	16		Reading, Pa.
John W. Steinmetz, D.D.	St. John's	1	450	371	400	42		20	10	6		81	8	9		300 00	2100 00	14		Reading, Pa.
C. S. Gerhart, D.D.	St. Stephen's	1	652	563	400	30	3	33	62	18		20	5	2	1	475 00	2525 00	8		Reading, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Without charge																			New Berlin, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	St. Mark's	1	367	335	275	56	2	23	39	2		29	2	3		258 00	1998 00	10		Reading, Pa.
James I. Good, D.D.	Calvary	1	310	300	160	14	4	28	44	2		3	5		1	328 00	3364 00	9		Reading, Pa.
Stanley L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	485	440	300	30		28	32	13		9	4	1		550 00	8850 00	9		Reading, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.	Second Reformed	1	652	560	300	17	4	17	21	8		10	8	2	4	3465 00	17990 00	16		Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas'	1	258	218	164	34	4	28	14	10		10	4	10	1	84 00	1233 00	10		Reading, Pa.
Henry K. Miller	Missionary, Japan																			Sendai, Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	238	205	112	13	2	20	18	11		6	2	3		68 00	1550 00	16		Reading, Pa.
Geo. W. Gerhard	St. John's, Hamburg	1	325	285	200	41		35	8	3			8	3		250 00	1600 00	8		Hamburg, Pa.
George E. Addams	Without charge																			Reading, Pa.
D. P. Lefever	Without charge																			Reading, Pa.
Rufus W. Miller	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board																			Reading, Pa.
Tilghman R. Dietz	Leesport	4	505	438	180	29	3	28	11	6			12	9		211 00	941 00	14		Leesport, Pa.
James R. Brown	Schwartzwald	1	623	513	300	28		1	2	6			13	4		352 00	1165 00	10		Stonersville, Pa.
E. Bruce Lyttle	Olivet	1	91	85	45	5		6		2			1			81 00	1071 00	7		Reading, Pa.
John A. Danner	Alsace	3	850	700	350	5		38								19 00	800 00	16		Reading, Pa.
Mabry L. Herbein	Spiess	1	500	400	350								5	3				8		Reading, Pa.
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 16.	22	8062	7123	3936	415	28	355	316	112		193	104	58	7	$12643 00	$59684 00	194		

F. B. HAHN, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	No. of Ministers.	No. Congregations.		Members. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Excommunic'r'd	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Sunday-schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of S. S. Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
East Pennsylvania		32	54	10598	8036	6279	568	10	517	386	96		157	202	93	72	1045	8342	14	$8487	$36250
Lebanon		20	52	10864	9393	6041	588	46	426	108	166		200	237	104	61	1164	7070	11	6051	30963
Philadelphia		36	35	6804	5752	1762	258	145	373	361	236		312	112		37	854	7484	16	14693	74831
Lancaster		39	41	6345	5205	2861	324	162	392	167	91		66	123	58	44	868	5998	7	8546	32178
East Susquehanna		22	61	6122	5051	3829	568	15	437	194	83		128	115	124	62	780	5939	7	6800	25033
West Susquehanna		18	60	5574	4898	2896	256	28	262	225	128		47	102	31	56	701	4818	5	7341	21897
Tohickon		19	39	8012	6616	3801	373	42	348	181	109		297	149	75	50	612	4795	8	6116	29031
Goshenhoppen		15	28	7059	6052	3733	394	48	275	117	102		79	155	109	38	766	4976	5	4305	21029
Lehigh		30	56	13421	10723	7112	834	11	653	276	159		51	330	121	89	1403	10205	18	8358	45009
Schuylkill		16	33	6270	5142	4272	662	10	339	162	65		107	111	131	40	733	5408	1	3462	27071
Wyoming		25	44	6570	5009	3864	528	32	335	239	135		357	120	92	45	800	5498	8	5293	32377
Reading		21	22	8062	7123	3936	415	28	355	316	112		193	104	58	26	779	6688	7	12643	59684
Eastern Synod (Total)	12	293	525	95701	78950	50386	5768	577	4712	2732	1482		1994	1860	996	619	10505	77221	107	$52095	$435353
Synod of Ohio	6	138	232	23490	19022	6384	859	676	1583	1030	521	9	746	443		218	3385	23181	31	17275	111258
German Synod of Northwest	10	158	223	21927	15856	14985	1910	42	1166	1017	328	4	540	488		175	928	12475	20	15394	99379
Pittsburgh Synod	5	82	137	17059	14344	9817	900	117	706	611	347		400	210	119	116	1565	11107	15	20274	84008
Potomac Synod	9	164	304	38050	32209	20377	1874	366	1821	1052	621		492	616	312	285	4069	29451	56	57191	166015
German Synod of the East	5	63	56	15199	12367	9586	2026	18	751	706	117		558	497		62	1240	11630	9	10322	33951
Central Synod	4	90	109	19997	14976	11477	1083	76	959	551	218	3	790	304	202	89	1672	12041	27	15948	89081
Synod of the Interior	5	52	67	3189	2805	1479	145	81	149	204	112		79	34	16	61	788	4167	6	4660	17153
Total, 8 Synods, 1897	56	1040	1653	234612	190529	124491	14565	1953	11847	7903	3746	16	5599	4452	1045	1625	24152	181273	271	$233159	$1086198
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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OF THE

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OF THE

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IN THE

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THE Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, were submitted to the Board at its anuual meeting held at Lancaster, Pa., May 11, 1897, and were adopted, as herein published, at a special meeting of the Board held in St. Thomas's Church, Reading, Pa., October 14, 1897.

WM. F. LICHLITER,
Secretary of the Board of Education.

LANCASTER, PA.,
October 15, A. D. 1897.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Name, Object and Membership.

SECTION 1. The name, style and title of this Board is, "Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."*

SEC. 2. The object of the Board of Education is "to obtain funds by gift, bequest, collections and otherwise for the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States."*

SEC. 3. The members in the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., elected from and by the Eastern Synod, constitute the Board of Education of the Synod for the purpose of transacting the business pertaining to the cause of Beneficiary Education.†

ARTICLE II.

Of the Officers.

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected.

SEC. 2. The election of officers of the Board shall be held annually at the meeting of the Board in May.

SEC. 3. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board may be persons not elected by the Synod as members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Duties of Officers.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board; shall instruct the Secretary to call special meetings of

* Charter, Articles I. and II.

† Minutes of Synod, 1834, pp. 24, 49–51, and 1880, p. 26.

the Board or of the Executive Committee, when such meetings become necessary or advisable; and shall see that the acts of the Board are duly executed.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall keep a careful and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board and of the Executive Committee, in the Record Book provided by the Board; shall notify all applicants for aid of the action taken on their applications, and all beneficiaries of the appropriation voted annually to them; shall officially inform the Treasurer, as his warrant for all payments to beneficiaries, of the amount of the appropriation voted to each beneficiary, and the date when the appropriation begins, and from what fund to be paid; shall keep, in the form prescribed, an accurate list of all beneficiaries enrolled, and of all notes given by the beneficiaries, and of all payments on said notes; shall annually take the note of each beneficiary for the moneys paid him as per the Treasurer's vouchers, and, at the end of the beneficiary's course of study, shall take his note for the sum total of the moneys paid him, and surrender to the beneficary the several notes included now in this new note for the sum total of payments to him; shall place these notes in the custody of the Treasurer; shall collect, as far as he can, all notes having a time limit at maturity, and as far as he can the notes of beneficiaries which have no time limit, and pay the amounts to the Treasurer, and credit the maker of the note for all payments on the back of the note, and in the List of Notes, and when the payment is in full, surrender with the knowledge of the Treasurer, the note to the maker; shall report these collections, or failure to collect, with sufficient information for an understanding of each case, to the Board at its annual meeting; when notes have been cancelled by resolution of the Board, shall jointly with the Treasurer certify the fact and date of same on the back of the note and return said note to the maker or his heirs, and in case the maker be deceased and have no heirs, then shall destroy it; and shall annually send a report of the transactions of the Board to the Eastern Synod.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds, securities and notes of the Board; shall disburse the funds as authorized and instructed; shall invest in as safe and remunerative securities as can be the permanent funds, advising, when prac-

ticable, with the Board or the Executive Committee in relation to making the investment; shall have custody of the notes given by the beneficiaries, and, when a partial payment is made, see that the proper credit is entered on the back of the note, and when a note has been paid in full give it to the Secretary to surrender it to the maker; when a note is cancelled by resolution of the Board shall jointly with the Secretary certify the fact on the note; shall, when officially informed by the Secretary of the name of the beneficiary and the amount of aid voted him, as his warrant for such payment, pay the appropriation as far as practicable in quarterly payments, taking the beneficiary's receipt therefor in the form provided by the Board; shall keep an account with each beneficiary, the one side showing the amount of the appropriation and the other the payments on the same; shall keep an account with *special funds* showing the receipts and expenditures of the same; shall keep a personal account with the Board, showing all receipts and expenditures; and shall make an annual report to the Board of receipts and expenditures, and submit the same with his account book, vouchers and securities for examination by the Auditing Committee.

Article IV.

Of the Executive Committee.

Section 1. The President and two other members elected annually by the Board, with the Secretary and Treasurer as advisory members, shall constitute the Executive Committee, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* chairman, to take action on any business requiring consideration in the interval between the annual meetings; *provided*, that the President may call a special meeting of the Board, when, in his judgment, the business is of such importance as to require the action of the full Board; and it shall be a further duty of said Executive Committee to receive and consider all applications for aid, to examine the applicants as to their physical, mental and spiritual qualifications for the work of the ministry, their motives, Church and Classical relations, scholarship, etc., and report the result of their examination to the Board, with any recommendations they may desire to make.

Sec. 2. A record of the proceedings of the Executive Com-

mittee shall be kept by the Secretary in the Record Book of the Board.

SEC. 3. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called whenever advisable.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Auditing Committee.

SECTION 1. The Board at its annual meeting shall appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of two members, whose duty shall be to examine the Treasurer's Annual Report, and the securities, and compare the same with his vouchers and account book, and certify as to their correctness.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Meetings of the Board.

SECTION 1. The Board shall hold its annual meeting in the week of the Commencement of the Theological Seminary.

SEC. 2. The President, whenever in his judgment necessary, may call a special meeting of the Board, and on the written request of three members shall call such a meeting, to attend to any business the Executive Committee cannot transact, or which is of such importance that it should be considered and acted on by the full Board.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Object and of the Funds of the Board.

SECTION 1. The object of the Board being "to obtain funds by gift, bequest, collections and otherwise, for the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry," the Board in the furtherance of its object, shall, from time to time, issue such publications as will inform ministers and members of our churches of this object, of the necessity of this form of aiding worthy young men, and enable them to understand the aim and methods of working of the Board, to the end that gifts, bequests and collections may be secured for the promotion of this object.

SEC. 2. The permanent funds of the Board now in hand, with such gifts and bequests, and repayments by beneficiaries, as shall hereafter be added to these funds, shall be as carefully and safely invested as can be, and the income duly applied.

SEC. 3. In the case of bequests, when the will of the donor requires compliance with certain named provisions, a special account with the income of such bequests shall be kept, and the money appropriated so as to meet the terms of the will.

SEC. 4. The Board shall appropriate its annual income from gifts, collections, and the interest on invested funds, and repayments by beneficiaries, after meeting its current expenses, in the form of loans to worthy and approved students for the ministry applying for aid, and these loans shall be of two kinds, unless otherwise required by the terms of some bequest: 1. Loans having a time limit, and non-interest bearing, unless otherwise stipulated, payable on maturity, and from that date interest bearing and collectible by process of law at the discretion of the Board. Said loans may be secured by any acceptable personal or collateral security. 2. Loans without a time limit, and non-interest bearing, but which the maker of the notes given promises to refund as soon as shall be in his power; which notes, however, may be cancelled after the maker "has been ten years in the faithful service of the Church, in case he apply for it, and the circumstances, in the judgment of the Board, shall justify it." *

SEC. 5. If any beneficiary fail to enter the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, or shall abandon the ministry, or shall connect himself with any other denomination, "he shall immediately refund all that he shall have received, with inerest." †

SEC. 6. At least one-half the amount of all loans refunded by beneficiaries shall be added to the permanent funds of the Board and be invested, until the income of the Board from its invested funds shall be sufficient to meet all the demands made upon it by the needs of the Church.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Applicants and Beneficiaries.

SECTION 1. Young men asking aid from the Board shall bring a recommendation from the pastors of the churches to which they respectively belong, also from the professors in

* Minutes of Synod, 1855, pp. 34 and 40.

† Minutes of Synod, 1834, p. 50.

charge of institutions where they have been pursuing their studies, present the written statement required by the Board, and be willing to undergo such an examination as the Executive Committee may desire to make.

SEC. 2. When received by the Board the beneficiaries, by accepting the aid voted, bind themselves to comply with the Rules of the Board, two copies of which shall be given by the Secretary to the beneficiary with the notice of his reception and the amount of the loan voted to him, one copy to be kept by him, the other to be signed by him and returned to the Secretary.

SEC. 3. All beneficiaries receiving aid from the Board must be under the care of a Classis of the Reformed Church, must annually report to the Classis, and must have the Stated Clerk certify to the Board that their reports have been received and approved.

ARTICLE IX.

Of the Relation of the Board to the Classes.

SECTION 1. All Classes of the Reformed Church shall be Auxiliaries to the Board; and all Classes that approve of the object of the Board and its aim and methods of working, and will pay their funds for beneficiary education into the treasury of the Board, shall be privileged to designate the beneficiary to receive such funds, and the sum for each beneficiary, and the Board will appropriate said funds as designated; but in every instance the funds must be paid into the treasury of the Board, and be paid by the Board to the beneficiary, the Board also taking and holding the note of the beneficiary.*

SEC. 2. The Classes having students for the ministry under their care who are receiving aid from or through the Board, are requested to certify through their Stated Clerks to the Board, that the annual reports of said students have been received and approved.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board.

* Minutes of Synod, 1834, pp. 50 and 51.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.

Of the Meetings of the Board.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on Tuesday of the week of the Commencement of the Theological Seminary, at 7 o'clock P. M., in one of the rooms of the Theological Seminary Building.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee shall be held at the time and place appointed by the President.

Sec. 3. At the annual meetings of the Board the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Calling of the Board to order.
2. Opening with Prayer.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Reading of Reports: 1. Of the Executive Committee; 2. Of the Secretary; 3 Of the Treasurer; 4. Of the Auditing Committee; 5. Of Select Committees.
6. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings.
7. Consideration of the Reports in the order above named, or at the pleasure of the Board.
8. Consideration of Applications for Aid, and Voting of Appropriations.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment, Closing with Prayer.

Article II.

Of Applications for Aid, and the Rules of the Board in Relation to Beneficiary Aid.

Section 1. For the promotion and the better understanding of the object and aim of the Board, and for the regulation of its operations, the following Rules setting forth the purpose and the methods of working of the Board, and governing the relation

of the Board to Applicants and Beneficiaries and the Classes, and of Applicants and Beneficiaries to the Board, are hereby ordained and shall be printed in circular form for distribution and use, as follows:

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

Rules in Relation to Aiding Students for the Ministry.

1. It is the object of the Board of Education *to aid* students for the Holy Ministry, by making them non-interest bearing *loans*, thus enabling them to surmount the immediate untoward difficulties in their way.

2. The loans are of two kinds, but both are non-interest bearing: 1. A loan with a time-limit, and from maturity becoming interest bearing and collectible; 2. A loan without a time-limit, which the maker of the note given promises to refund as soon as shall be in his power, and if unable to refund it within ten years, and if he then requests it, the note, in the discretion of the Board, may be cancelled and surrendered. In the case of both the loans, if the maker of the note given fails to enter the ministry of the Reformed Church, or if he abandons the ministry, or if he connects himself with another denomination, then the note becomes interest-bearing from date, and collectible by process of law.

3. This form of aid will commend itself as the very best way of aiding worthy young men. It helps them to help themselves, and cultivates the spirit of manly self-dependence and self-reliance, and will help to make them stronger and more useful men, and fit them for the hardships and trials of the Gospel Ministry.

4. The Board aims to help *the best* men and to encourage them to *full* and *thorough preparation.* Preference is given to those who have had a full academic course of training, or at least have gone to the end of the Sophomore year in college, and are worthy on account of *Christian character*, *high scholarship*, *vigorous health* and *natural energy and force.*

5. Every applicant for aid shall send to the Secretary a written statement over his signature, giving the following particulars:

1. His full name, date of birth, birth-place, his parents' residence and the names of his parents.

2. The time and place of his confirmation, the name of the pastor and the church; the name of his present pastor and church; whether a regular communicant and regular attendant at the church services; and what Christian work he has engaged in

3. The names of the schools he has attended, and for what length of time.

4. That he is in good health, and not specially liable to any disease; and the kind of employment he has followed, and the degree of success he has met with.

5. How long and why he has felt himself called to the Holy Ministry.

6. What amount he expects to be able to make up for his support, and how; what amount of aid, which shall be a *non-interest bearing loan*, he desires from the Board, and how many years he will continue to need such aid.

7. For how many years he desires his note for the money loaned him to run, and whether he purposes to refund the money, and what security, personal or collateral, or both, he can give.

8. What Theological Seminary he will attend.

9. The name of the Classis under whose care he is, and how long he has been under its care as a student for the ministry.

10. With this statement he shall submit his diploma, or testimonials of his professors, as evidence as to his scholarship, and the recommendation of his pastor.

6. In addition to this written statement the applicant shall undergo such personal examination as the Executive Committee may desire to make.

7. Applicants received by the Board shall subscribe to these Rules as an evidence of their acceptance of the provisions relating to them and the pledge of their observance of the same.

8. All students for the ministry aided by the Board must be under the care of some Classis of the Reformed Church, and annually report to the Classis, and secure and send to the Secre-

tary of the Board the certificate of the Stated Clerk that said report has been received and approved.

9. Students aided by the Board will receive their appropriation as far as practicable in quarterly payments. They will receipt to the Treasurer for each payment, and at the end of each year will give their notes for the amount received within the year; and, at the end of their course of study, will give a note for the sum total received, the former notes given being cancelled and returned to them. These notes will all state the conditions of the obligation.

10. Students who are aided out of the income of the Rev. John Henry Smaltz Memorial Fund, must be willing "to spend the first three years, at least, of their ministry in preaching the Gospel of the Son of God, to the destitute in our own land, or in foreign lands." *

11. Students desiring to have the aid given to them continued for another year, will report to the Secretary the amount desired before the annual meeting of the Board on the second Tuesday in May.

12. Students receiving aid from the Board are not permitted during their course of study to form matrimonial relations, under pain of a discontinuance of the appropriation and being required to refund the amount already received.

13. Ministers who were aided by the Board during their time of preparation, and are now pastors of churches, should not only regard it a moral obligation to refund the loan, but in grateful remembrance of this aid, and in cordial appreciation of the work of the Board, should, as they can, gather offerings for its treasury and endeavor to secure gifts and bequests for its endowment.

14. The Board of Education cordially invites the coöperation of the Classes in its work. The Board is the Board of the Synod. Its object and methods are those adopted by the Synod. The principle of aiding students for the ministry by loans, which they will repay, is commending itself more and more, not only to ministers and members of the Church, but also to the students themselves. If, therefore, the Classes will become auxiliary to the Board, and pay their funds for beneficiary education into its

* Minutes of Synod, 1873, p. 42.

treasury, and designate the students to whom to be paid, and allow the Board to make the payments to the student and take and hold and collect his obligation therefor, the Board will gladly accept such coöperation as furthering the cause of education in accordance with the plan and purpose of the Synod.

15. The undersigned accepts the provisions of the above Rules so far as they apply to him as a student for the Holy Ministry, and hereby pledges his compliance with the same.

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LANCASTER, PA., }
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SEC. 2. All beneficiaries shall be required to subscribe to the printed Rules of the Board as an evidence of their acceptance of and of their willingness to comply with the same, and this subscribed copy shall be filed away with the beneficiaries' notes.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"Beneficiary Education," or the giving of aid to worthy young men, students preparing for the Holy Ministry, who are not able to provide entirely for their own support, from funds contributed by the churches, is contemporaneous in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States with the establishment of the Theological Seminary March 11, 1825. Previous to this date, as allowed by the "Synodal Ordnung" of 1805, the work of preparing young men for the ministry was done by individual pastors. With the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Carlisle, Pa., and the presence of young men needing aid, the work of Beneficiary Education, as from the time of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, became a necessity, if the ranks of the ministry were to be kept

full, and the number increased to meet the needs of a growing Church and community.

The Synod endeavored at first to meet the conditions by asking the offerings of the churches for this cause, and through what was known as "The Education Society." In 1829 Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer, Professor in charge of the Theological Seminary, in his report, called the attention of the Synod to the necessity of aiding worthy young men, and recommended that the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary "be authorized to act instead of an education society, to take measures for the procuring of funds, and to receive and appropriate all contributions for this object." This recommendation was adopted by the Synod. In 1834 the Board submitted to the Synod "Rules and Regulations for the government of our Education concerns." These Rules were referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. Lewis Mayer, D. D., Frederick A. Rauch, Henry L. Rice and B. S. Schneck, D. D., and on their report were adopted. By this action the Synod confirmed its previous action constituting the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary the Board of Education.

The Synod also ordained by this action that the aid given to students for the ministry should be a loan, requiring that "every beneficiary shall give his note to the Treasurer, to refund, without interest, as soon as shall be in his power, all moneys received by him." In 1855, on the request of the Board of Education, the Synod modified this action by authorizing the Board of Education "to cancel the obligations of such ministers as have received aid from the Board, and have been ten years in the faithful service of the Church, in case they apply for it, and the circumstances, in the judgment of the Board, shall justify it."

The Synod also, by its action in 1834, recommended "that every Classis in the Reformed Church organize itself into an Auxiliary Society," and that "all Auxiliaries who transmit their moneys to the Board shall enjoy the privilege of designating the beneficiaries to whom they wish their funds appropriated."

In 1870 the Synod of Pittsburg was organized, and in 1873 the Synod of the Potomac, out of parts of the territory of the Synod in the United States. These Synods are also represented in the Board of Visitors, but the Eastern Synod, by its action

taken in 1880, provided that "the members in the Board of Visitors elected from and by the Eastern Synod constitute the Board of Education for the purpose of transacting the business pertaining to the cause of Beneficiary Education."

In 1889 the Board of Education applied to the Court of Lancaster County, Pa., for a charter, and was incorporated. The charter provides that the Board "shall have full power to adopt such Constitution and By-Laws for its government and for the protection of its educational operations, as it may deem best." In accordance with this provision the Board has adopted the Constitution and By-Laws which precede this history.

Since the organization of the Board of Education the Church has aided through it more than three hundred students for the ministry, and among them have been some of the most useful and honored ministers of the Church. Over $100,000 have passed through its treasury for this purpose. These facts show how important the work of Beneficiary Education has been, and will continue to be.

The Board of Education has received from friends of the cause of Beneficiary Education, from time to time, bequests and gifts, and has a small endowment fund, the income of which is annually applied to aiding students. These friends have reared for themselves enduring monuments and are unceasingly aiding in the building up of the Church of Christ and their example should inspire others to whom God has given wealth to go and do likewise.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1829–1897.*

PRESIDENTS: 1836, Rev. John Rebaugh; 1837–1841, Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D.; 1842–1846, Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.; 1847, Rev. John Rebaugh; 1848–1851, Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D.; 1852–1863, Rev. John Rebaugh; 1864, Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D.; 1865–1870, Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.; 1871–

* The Minutes of the Board of Directors and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary from 1825 to 1835 having been lost, the names of the Presidents and Secretaries for those years cannot be accurately gathered.

1888,* Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D.; 1889–1893, Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D. D.; 1894–—— Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

SECRETARIES: 1836, Rev. William A. Good; 1837–1838, Rev. John Rebaugh; 1839–1842, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.; 1843–1844, Rev. W. Wilson Bonnell; 1845–1847, Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D.; 1848–1850, Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.; 1851–1852, Rev. Jacob Ziegler; 1853–1856, Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D.; 1857–1859, Rev. Frederick A. Rupley; 1860–1864, Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.; 1865–1867, Rev. Walter E. Krebs; 1868–1869, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.; 1870, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.; 1871–1896, Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D.; 1897, Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter.

TREASURERS: 1829, Rev. Jacob Geiger; 1830–1832, Rev. James R. Reily; 1832–1833, W. Wagner; 1833–1835, Rev. John Cares; 1836–1838, Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D.; 1839–1841, Rev. Jacob Helfenstein, D. D.; 1842–1880, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.; 1881–1896, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, D. D.; 1896, John B. Roth, *pro tempore*; 1896–—— John Hertzler.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1897.

Rev. THOMAS C. PORTER, D. D., Easton, Pa.
Rev. S. G. WAGNER, D. D., Allentown, Pa.
Rev. H. M. KIEFFER, D. D., Easton, Pa.
Rev. JOHN PHILIP STEIN, Reading, Pa.
Rev. JONATHAN E. HIESTER, D. D., Annville, Pa.
Rev. ELLIS N. KREMER, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1897.

Rev. S. G. WAGNER, D. D., *President*, Allentown, Pa.
Rev. WM. F. LICHLITER, *Secretary*, Lancaster, Pa.
JOHN HERTZLER, *Treasurer*, Lancaster, Pa.

* The last three dates cannot be ascertained exactly.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN READING, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT.

The sessions began on the evening of the 19th, and continued in session until the 24th, adjourning at 10.30 P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., Wednesday, October 19th, A. D. 1898, at 7.30 P. M., according to adjournment.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., from I Cor. 22.

After the sermon, Synod was called to order by the President, who led in prayer. The Provisional Roll of Synod was called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.—From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Revs.: S. P. Mauger, W. F. More, Geo. J. Lisberger, J. G. Rupp, I. M. Bachman, S. P. Steckel.

Elders: Tilghman Odenwelder, Alfred Hahn, Martin Maus.

2.—From Lebanon Classis.

Revs.: Henry Hilbish,[e] J. Lewis Fluck,[e] Thos. C. Leinbach, I. Calvin Fisher.

Elders: Jno. B. Moore, Jno. L. J. Stoudt, Jno. H. Olwine, Jonathan Swope.

3.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Revs.: Jno. S. Sechler, D.D., H. T. Spangler, D.D., J. H. Hendricks, D.D.,[d] E. C. Sult, S. L. Messinger, Chas. B. Alspach.[2-d]

Elders: F. G. Hobson,[2] A. Miller,[2-d] Jac. S. Sechler,[d] J. F. Detwiler, H. M. Housekeeper, Abram Schwenk.

4.—From Lancaster Classis.

Revs.: Jno. M. Titzel, D.D., Henry H. Sangree, Milton H. Sangree, Frank L. Kerr, D. W. Gerhard, J. H. Pannebecker, S. Sweitzer.

Elders: E. H. Burkholder,[2] Jno. W. Apple, J. H. Kurzenknabe,[d] D. Rhine Hertz,[2-d] Jeff. E. Kershner,[d] Joseph Fouse.

5.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: L. D. Steckel, H. W. Wissler, J. C. Leinbach, L. M. Fetterolf.

Elders: C. C. Leader,[e] J. H. Hilbush,[e] Jacob Latsha.

6.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: S. S. Kohler,[2] F. W. Brown,[2] M. N. George.[c]

Elders: Wm. Moyer, Robt. Smith.

7.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Revs.: Jos. E. Freeman, Geo. W. Roth, Chas. S. Wieand.

Elders: Wm. Dimmig,[3-e] Herman R. Bunn,[e] John Kugler.[e]

8.—From Tohickon Classis.

Revs.: B. F. Luckenbill, B. B. Ferer, H. F. Long, J. G. Dengler.[d]

Elders: L. M. Althouse, Jos. W. Laux, Martin Roth,[d] Peter Knecht.[2-d]

9.—From Lehigh Classis.

Revs.: Geo. B. Smith,[d] Thos. W. Dickert, Jas. N. Bachman,[4] E. E. Leinbach, Thos. N. Reber.

Elders: Nathan Levan,[2-d] Cyrus J. Rhode,[2-d] Wallace Bachman,[d] Saml. Moyer.[4-d]

10.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Revs.: T. J. Bower, Robt. O'Boyle,[e] I. F. Wagner.[2]

Elders: F. J. Portz,[d] G. W. Werner,[2-d] Jno. J. Beck.[e]

11.—From Wyoming Classis.

Revs.: Geo. S. Sorber,[2] Wm. E. Bushong, C. H. Herbst, C. W. E. Siegel, Jos. W. Bell.[3]

Elders: Henry Cooper,[3-e] W. R. Bittenbender,[d] Louis Steigerwald, Jno. Meitrot.[e]

12.—From Reading Classis.

Revs.: B. Bausman, D.D., Jas. R. Brown, Jas. I. Good, D.D.,[d] R. W. Miller.

Elders: D. V. R. Ludwig,[d] Horatio Jones,[d] R. M. Hoffman, A. B. Dundor.

The figures at the end of the names of the delegates indicate the day on which they took their seat : and the letters in their order indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Saml. A. Leinbach, *secundus* from Lebanon Classis, occupied on the fourth and fifth days the seat of Rev. Thos. C. Leinbach.

Rev. J. S. Hartman, *secundus*, occupied the seat of S. Sweitzer, of Lancaster Classis, on fifth day to end of the sessions.

Rev. J. Rauch Stein, *secundus* from Tohickon Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. B. F. Luckenbill on third and fourth day.

Rev. W. H. Mader, *secundus* from Tohickon Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. J. G. Dengler on fourth day to end of sessions.

Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, *secundus*, occupied on the third and fourth days the seat of Thos. N. Reber.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., *secundus* of Schuylkill Classis, occupied the seat of the *primarius*, Rev. I. F. Wagner, on the first day.

Advisory Members Present.

The following Advisory Members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Reading Classis: Revs. H. Mosser, D.D., S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., C. S. Gerhard, D.D., E. Bruce Lyttle, B. F. Hahn, C. E. Schaeffer, Daniel B. Schaeffer, S. L. Krebs, H. Y. Stoner, M. Herbein, G. W. Gerhard.

Lebanon Classis: Revs. Thos. M. Yundt, Wilson Donat.

Henry J. Welker, S. A. Leinbach, Wm. J. Kershner, L. D. Stambaugh, J. V. George, A. J. Bachman, and Jas. A. Schultz.

East Pennsylvania Classis: Revs. T. O. Stem, G. A. Schwedes, D. F. Brendle, J. B. Mabry, and T. H. Krick.

Philadelphia Classis: Revs. Benoni Bates, Geo. H. Miller, A. S. Bromer, D. U. Wolf, A. N. Millison, C. J. Musser and J. M. J. Isenberg.

Lancaster Classis: Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D., A. C. Whitmer, Jno. S. Stahr, D.D., J. A. Wickert, J. M. Meminger, J. S. Hartman, C. E. Wehler, B. H. Roth, F. L. Kerr, and F. C. Hulhorst.

West Susquehanna Classis: Revs. Wm. M. Landis, and S. L. Whitmore.

Goshenhoppen Classis: Revs. Wm. B. Werner, I. S. Stahr, L. K. Evans, and Geo. B. Walbert.

Tohickon Classis: Revs. J. Rauch Stein, N. Z. Snyder, W. H. Mader, J. A. Martz.

Lehigh Classis: Revs. S. G. Wagner, D.D., T. J. Hacker, J. Alvin Reber, W. W. Deatrick, and J. W. Knappenberger.

Wyoming Classis: Rev. W. D. Happel.

Schuylkill Classis: Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, C. D. Yost, C. E. Bartholomew, E. S. Bromer.

Pittsburg Synod: Rev. A. M. Schmidt, E. D. Meixel, Dr. Wm. Rupp.

Potomac Synod: Rev. S. S. Miller, Dr. J. C. Bowman, J. C. Leonard, Dr. C. Cort, Rev. Wm. M. Irvine, Paul S. Leinbach Dr. S. N. Callender.

German Synod of East: Revs. M. H. Mishler, L. K. Derr and J. H. Leeser.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence was announced at intervals of the following brethren, who were invited to seats in Synod:

Lutheran Church: Revs. R. W. Hoffard, Horine, E. S. Brownmiller, Kendig and Trexler.

Presbyterian Church: Rev. W. R. Templeton, Dr. Heckman.

Evangelical Church: Rev. A. Krecker.

Methodist Episcopal Church: Rev. Dr. D. S. DeBow.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected officers of Synod for the current synodical year:

Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *President*, Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, *Stated Clerk*, Reading, Pa.
Rev. O. P. Steckel, *Corresponding Secretary*, Easton, Pa.
Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Reading Clerk*, Sunbury, Pa.
Elder Jno. J. Nissley, *Treasurer*, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by the General Synod were accepted and made the rule in conducting the business of Synod.

The President defined the *Bar of the House* to extend to the twelfth pew from the chancel.

The following were designated as the hours for opening and closing the sessions of Synod, to wit:

The daily sessions to open at 9 A. M. and close at 5 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The evening session to begin at 7.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Service: Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Jas. R. Brown, E. E. Leinbach, and Elders Horatio Jones and John J. Beck.

Minutes of Synod: Revs. Jno. M. Titzel, D.D., S. P. Mauger, Geo. B. Smith and Elders Tilgh. Odenwelder, Jonathan Swope.

Overtures: Revs. Jas. E. Freeman, T. J. Bower, S. Schweitzer, and Elders R. M. Hoffman, Jacob S. Sechler.

Minutes of Classes: Revs. J. C. Leinbach, Jno. H. Sechler, Geo. J. Lisberger, and Elders J. H. Kurzenknabe, Herman R. Bunn.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination: Revs. B. Bausman,

D.D., J. H. Hendricks, D.D., B. F. Luckenbill, and Elders Louis Steigerwalt, Martin Maus.

Religion and Morals: Revs. Jas. I. Good, D.D., O. P. Steckel, I. Calvin Fisher and Elders Jno. W. Apple, Jno. B. Moore.

Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College: Revs. J. G. Dengler, L. D. Steckel, C. S. Wieand and Elders Wm. Moyer, David V. R. Ludwig.

Missions: Revs. Rufus W. Miller, Henry Hilbish, C. W. E. Siegel, and Elders Joseph Fouse, Jos. W. Laux.

Finance: Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, S. S. Kohler, H. H. Sangree, and Elders J. E. Kershner and H. M. Housekeeper.

Nominations: Revs. W. F. More, Jas. R. Brown, Thos. C. Leinbach, and Elders A. B. Dundor, Wallace Bachman.

Publication: Revs. M. H. Sangree, G. W. Roth, Thos. W. Dickert, and Elders C. C. Leader and F. G. Hobson.

Orphans' Home: Revs. H. T. Spangler, D.D., B. B. Ferer, Thos. N. Reber, and Elders L. M. Althouse, Louis Steigerwalt.

Sunday Schools: Revs. Robt. O'Boyle, Wm. E. Bushong, C. H. Herbst, and Elders Robt. Smith, J. R. Hilbush.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming and Reading were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on these Subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod and the Report of the Treasurer were read and the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Synod was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, and the Treasurer's Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Mis-

sions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Synod's Board, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Education of the Theological Seminary, also the Report of Franklin & Marshall College were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on College and Seminary, except the items referring to vacancies, occurring on the several Boards, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to Standing Committee on Publication, with the exception of the item referring to a vacancy on the Board, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

6. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of Synod of 1897 in printed form were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items as may claim Synod's attention. During the afternoon on Thursday the following report was presented, acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the official copy was referred for examination, submit the following items claiming further consideration, namely:

Item 1, page 55. The Faculties of the Institutions at Lancaster, Pa., were appointed a Committee to issue a booklet defining the Classical and Synodical relations of these institutions.

Item 2, page 56. The terms of Elders Jno. J. Nissley, Martin J. Riegel, and Jno. B. Roth as members of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary expire Jan. 1, 1899.

Item 3, page 56. The terms of Drs. T. C. Porter, S. G. Wagner and Jno. P. Stein as members of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, expire Jan. 1, 1899.

Item 4, page 70. The term of D. N. Schaeffer, Esq., as a member of Board of Trustees of Synod expires January 1, 1899.

Item 5, page 84. The appointment of a Committee to suggest an approved form in the publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 6, page 84. The Stated Clerk was directed to determine the proper form and size of page in Minutes of Synod, and to publish the same accordingly.

Item 7, page 85. The Committee appointed to secure historical material pertaining to the Church was authorized to publish the same, should advanced subscriptions warrant the undertaking.

Item 8, page 86. The Stated Clerk was instructed to remove the Archives of Eastern Synod into an alcove of the Library Building of the Theological Seminary.

Item 9, page 88. The Philadelphia Classis was directed to carry into effect the terms agreed to in the compromise settlement between Rev. C. Cort and the Wyoming Congregation.

Item 10, page 96. The term of Jacob H. Stein as a member of Sunday School Board expires October, 1898.

Item 11, page 96. The Stated Clerk was directed to publish 3,900 copies of the Minutes of Synod for distribution.

Item 12, page 103. The consideration of the transfer of certain Sunday School supplies by the Reformed Church Publication Board, to the General Sunday Schools Board was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Thos. J. Hacker and Jno. W. Appel, Esq.

Item 13, page 114. The Stated Clerk was instructed to publish the Minutes of Women's Synodical Missionary Society under cover with Minutes of Eastern Synod.

Item 14, page 115. Synod convenes in Annual Sessions October 19, 1898, at 7.30 P. M., in Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.

JOHN M. TITZEL, TILGHMAN ODENWELDER,
S. P. MAUGER, JONATHAN SWOPE.
GEO. B. SMITH,

The items 1, 9, 13, 14 are reported as having been attended to; on items 2, 3, 4, and 10 see Article XXII, Miscellaneous; on items 7 and 8, see Article XVI, Appeal and References; on items 6, 11 and 12 see Article XIX, Publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on, item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures respectfully reports on the following papers referred to them which claim the attention of this Synod, viz:

1. A pamphlet on the subject of Infant Baptism, by Rev. Hiram King.

2. An overture to this Synod by Dr. E. N. Kremer, Secretary of the General Board of Missions, that the Treasurer of this Synod pay the Bender Legacy to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of General Synod, the amount being $950.

3. The Annual Foreign Mission Report of our work in Japan by the Secretary, Dr. S. N. Callender.

4. An appeal of Elder Hoffmeier and Deacon Roling against the action of East Pennsylvania Classis taken against said Elder and Deacon at its last annual meeting.

5. A recommendation from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, also a statement that the term of office expires January, 1899, of the following members, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Dr. H. Mosser, Jno. W. Bickel, Esq.

6. A communication from the Sunday School Board specifying certain facts relative to the progress and status of the General Sunday School Work; and an item on the relation of the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board.

7. The Report of the Publication Board:

(*a*) Business Manager's financial report.

(*b*) The term of office of E. J. Durban, a member of Sunday School Board, expires January, 1899.

(*c*) Statements and Information as to existing relations

between the General Synod and Publication Boards, submitted by a Committee of Publication Board.

8. A communication from Dr. H. J. Reuterick, President of Calvin College.

9. Annual Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

10. A report from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, by the Treasurer, Rev. Simon S. Miller, containing receipts and expenditures.

11. Catalogue of '97 and '98 of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

12. A bill of two dollars from Dr. E. N. Kremer, expenses for official work as Secretary of Board of Visitors.

13. A communication containing a request from Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias, Amsterdam, Holland, who is laboring in the interest of Reformed Church History.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FREEMAN, JACOB S. SECHLER,
T. J. BOWER, R. M. HOFFMAN.
S. SCHWEITZER.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 5, 8 and 13, see Article XXII, Miscellaneous; on items 2 and 3, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 4, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on item 6, see Article XVIII, Sunday Schools; on item 7, [a], [b] and [c], see Article XIX, Publication; on items 9 and 10; see Article XX, Benevolent Institutions; on item 11, see Article XIII, College and Seminary; on item 12, see Article XV, Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious services.

The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported at intervals and finally the report as a whole was adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services respectfully report the following appointments for services:

Thursday Evening, 7.30. Subject, Missions—Home and Foreign. Rev. Robert O'Boyle presiding and conducting the

Altar Service. Address on Home Missions by Rev. J. W. Meminger. Address on Foreign Missions by Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Friday Evening, 7.30. Elder John W. Apple, Esq., presiding. Altar Service by Rev. H. H. Sangree. Address, Good Literature in the Home, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser. Address, The Tenth Legion, Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq. Address, The Ministerial Relief Society and Daniel Stine Memorial Home, Rev. Simon S. Miller.

Saturday Evening, 7.30. Service in Memory of the late Rev. Thomas Gilmore Apple, D.D., LL.D.; the Officers of Synod presiding and conducting the Altar Service. Address, Rev. John M. Titzel, D.D. Address, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

Sunday Morning, 10.30. Altar Service, Rev. Ambrose Schmidt. Sermon, Rev. Darius W. Gerhard.

Sunday School, 2 P. M. Addresses by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. Ambrose Schmidt and Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Sunday Evening, 7.30. Altar Service, Rev. W. E. Bushong, Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D., presiding. Subject, The Sunday School: 1. How can the Primary Department be made more efficient? Rev. W. F. More. 2. The Scope and Work of the Bible Class, Rev. H. H. Sangree. 3. The Twentieth Century Movement—Increased Enrollment in the Sunday School, Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

First Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. W. W. Deatrick. Evening, Rev. Sidney S. Kohler.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. Milton H. Sangree. Evening, Rev. W. H. Mader.

St. John's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. C. S. Wieand. Evening, Rev. T. O. Stem.

Calvary Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. S. L. Messinger. Evening, Rev. J. Lewis Fluck.

St. Mark's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. H. W. Wissler. Evening, Rev. T. W. Dickert.

Faith Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. C. W. E. Siegel. Evening, Rev. Frank L. Kerr.

St. James' Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. T. J. Bower. Evening, Rev. Geo. W. Roth.

St. Andrew's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. Geo. B. Smith. Evening, Rev. Ambrose Schmidt.

St. Thomas' Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker. Evening, Rev. M. H. Sangree.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach. Evening, Rev. I. Calvin Fisher.

Olivet Reformed Church.—Evening, Rev. Geo. S. Sorber.

Trinity Reformed Church.—Evening, L. M. Fetterolf.

Leesport Reformed Church.—Rev. J. G. Rupp.

Schwartzwald Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. F. W. Brown.

Zion's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. Henry Hilbish. Evening, Rev. B. F. Luckenbill.

First Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D. Evening, Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D.

Washington Street Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. A. C. Whitmer. Evening, Rev. J. E. Freeman.

Fourth Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa.—Rev. Geo. J. Lisberger.

Lowhill Reformed Church.—Rev. M. N. George.

Mission of Hope.—Morning, L. M. Fetterolf.

Bethany Orphan Home.—Rev. O. P. Steckel.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday during the afternoon session. It was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The Report is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer the following report:

The Minutes of the Several Classes were placed in our hands, and in them, we find the following items claiming the attention of Synod.

I.—Irregularities.

East Pennsylvania Classis fails to use the term "Classis" in the dismissal of a brother, (p. 2); fails to specify action in an item of a call for a special meeting, (p. 3); fails to appoint a Committee on Religious Services, (p. 8); fails to celebrate the Lord's Supper, (——); fails to attach seal to special meetings, (pp. 2, 5, 6).

Subjects referred.—Classis reserves the right to determine the relative value of its own Home Mission enterprises, (p. 16).

Lebanon Classis dismisses a brother to a Synod which does not exist, and fails to designate a Classis, (p. 11), receives a report of a committee without giving documentary evidence that the report was adopted, or that it acted on its suggestions, (p. 36).

Lancaster Classis fails to attach seal of Classis to special meetings, (pp. 53, 51), and the annual meeting, (p. 51); errs in recording a motion that was lost and which was therefore no part of the Minutes of Classis, (p. 25); fails to give full marginal references, (pp. 26, 34, 37); fails to embody in the Minutes of Classis the names of delegates elected to Synod, (p. 28).

East Susquehanna Classis fails to give marginal references in minutes of annual meeting; fails to give synodical relation in connection with the reception of a minister, (p. 15); fails to give either classical or synodical relation in the dismission of a licentiate, and in item of Overtures relating to same dismission names the Classis, but fails to give synodical relation, (p. 13); fails to name denomination from which a minister is received, (p. 5, Minutes of Special Meetings); is irregular in holding meetings, designated special meetings of Classis, but which are only meetings of an Executive Committee of Classis, (pp. 1 and 8 of Minutes of Special Meetings); is irregular, because the Executive Committee at its meetings transacts business which a Classis alone can transact, (pp. 1 and 8 of Minutes of Special Meetings); irregularly dissolves pastoral relation, receives a minister, confirms call, and ap-

points Committees on Installation and Supply, (pp. 2 and 9 of Minutes of Special Meetings).

West Susquehanna Classis fails in calls for special meetings, to name the place from which the calls are issued, (pp. 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 51); fails to give marginal references in Minutes of annual meeting; fails to name the church in which the next annual meeting of Classis will be held, (p. 34); fails in call for a special meeting to give the location of a town in which the meeting is to be held, (p. 50).

Goshenhoppen Classis fails to celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar; fails to appoint Standing Committees on Missions and on Religious Services, (p. 4); fails to note the synodical relation in the dismissal of a brother, (p. 17).

Tohickon Classis fails to attach the seal of Classis to a special meeting, (p. 5); fails to appoint Committees on Religious Services and on Missions, (p. 8); Elders as *Commissioners* and not as *Delegates*, answer the usual constitutional questions, (p. 10).

Lehigh Classis fails to attach the seal of Classis to special meetings, (pp. 4, 5, 8, 10, 74); gives report of tellers at election, but fails to state who were elected delegates to Eastern Synod, (pp. 30, 31); fails to give full marginal references; fails to give synodical relation in the dismissal of a brother, (p. 37); fails to give the hour of day of the annual meeting of Classis, (p. 67); fails to give the date of call for special meeting of Classis, (p. 76).

Schuylkill Classis' Minutes state that a special meeting called for January 31, met January 17, (p. 4); gives the substance of the Report on Examination and Licensure in its minutes without the signature of any one of the Committee.

Wyoming Classis fails to attach the seal of Classis to special meetings, (pp. 4, 11, 15, 17, 19), and to annual meeting, (p. 79); fails to record special meetings in their proper order, (pp. 2, 5); fails to give the synodical relation in the dismissal of a Licentiate, (p. 54); closes one of its sessions without prayer, (p. 69); assembles in special meeting on the same day on which the call for the same purports to be issued, p. 2).

Reading Classis fails to name members present at an adjourned meeting, (p. 40).

II.—Requests.

1. Lebanon Classis calls the attention of Synod to the action of East Susquehanna Classis in dismissing Rev. S. F. Hartzell, who was irregularly serving a congregation in Lebanon Classis, against its protestation, (p. 8).

2. Tohickon Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod to restore the columns for Sunday School Statistics to the place formerly occupied on the statistical report of charges to the Classis, (p. 24).

3. Tohickon Classis asks Synod to reconsider its decision that apportionments should be made on the basis of the number of persons who communed during the year, (p. 34).

4. Schuylkill Classis asks Synod not to construe its action in not assuming the full amount of apportionments as a wilful refusal of its authority but rather as a confession of its inability to raise the same, (p. 20).

5. Wyoming Classis requests Synod to grant permission to Rev. Geo. Welsh, pastor of Scranton Mission, and a Committee appointed by Classis to solicit within the bounds of Synod assistance in liquidating the debt resting on the Mission, (p. 4).

6. Reading Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod to restore the columns for Sunday School Statistics in the annual parochial reports, (p. 37).

7. Schuylkill Classis overtures Synod to instruct its Stated Clerk to publish in the Minutes of the General Synod the statistics of the several Classis of Synod as issued during the same year in which the sessions of General Synod are held, (p. 41).

III.—Subjects Referred.

The several Classes took favorable action on the recommendations of Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. Lebanon Classis apportions only 50 per cent. of all apportionments excluding contingent fund, made by Synod, upon its several charges and reserves the privilege of applying funds when needed to its local mission work, (pp. 36, 37).

2. Philadelphia Classis does not desire to report individual charges which may have paid their apportionments in full for publication in the Synodical Minutes, (p. 29), neither does it see its way clear in its educational work to become auxiliary to Synod's Board of Education, (p. 34).

3. Lancaster Classis does not accept Synod's basis of apportionment because Classis has a basis of apportionment—substantially the same as the one recommended by Synod, (p. 24).

4. East Susquehanna Classis does not desire to furnish Synod with a list of the charges paying their apportionments in full, (p. 44), neither is it prepared in its educational work to become auxiliary to Synod's Board of Education.

5. West Susquehanna Classis does not see its way clear to turn over its Beneficiary Education Work to Synod's Board of Education, (p. 37), neither does it accept the apportionment for German Mission Work, (p. 42).

6. Goshenhoppen Classis does not accept the apportionment for German Mission Work, (p. 16), neither does it approve under existing circumstances the establishing of a Mission in China, (p. 11). Subjects referred.—Resolves to pay its beneficiary's money directly through its Treasurer, (p. 15), and recommends to Sunday Schools not already obligated for Children's Day Collections to other objects of benevolence, to contribute the offering to the mission work of the Sunday School Board.

7. Tohickon Classis states certain reasons in not complying with the request of Synod to furnish a list of the charges which paid their apportionment in full and in reserving the privilege of undertaking local mission work, (p. 23).

8. Lehigh Classis does not see its way clear to apply the offerings on Children's Day to the mission work of the Sunday School Board, (p. 56), neither to condition its local mission work, (p. 55), nor to extend our foreign work to China, (p. 70).

9. Wyoming Classis declines to assume the apportionments for Harbor Missions, German Mission Work and Church Building; accepts only $850 of its apportionment of $1,582 for Home Missions, and only $400 of its apportionment of $945 for Foreign Missions; it refers the apportionment for

Seminary Aid and College Endowment to those charges willing to pay it, (p. 63), and has referred to its permanent committee on Beneficiary Education with instructions to report next year Synod's recommendation, that the Classis co-operate with its Board of Education, (pp. 52, 53).

IV.—Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. John G. Noss in behalf of Rev. Cyrus Cort complains against the action of Lancaster Classis, (pp. 16, 17, 18, and 31).

2. Messrs. S. B. Hoffmeier and W. G. Roling appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis in answer to their petition to compel the congregation and pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., to recognize them as Elders and Deacons, respectively, (p. 31), and East Pennsylvania Classis appoints Revs. More and Steckel to defend it before Synod, (p. 40).

3. Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer complains to Synod against action of Philadelphia Classis in refusing to grant the petition of Consistory of St. John's Church, Wyoming, Del., (p. 10).

V.—Charges That Paid Their Apportionments.

1. Lancaster Classis reports the following charges as having paid their apportionments in full:

St. Stephen's, Lancaster; New Holland; Willow Street; Salem, Harrisburg; Fourth Church, Harrisburg; Trinity, Columbia; First Church, Steelton; Second Church, Harrisburg; Millersville; Elizabethtown; Maytown, and Hummelstown.

2. Reading Classis: St. Paul's Memorial; Second Reformed Church; St. Stephen's; St. Mark's; Olivet; Schwatzwald; Faith, and St. James' have paid their apportionments in full.

3. Lebanon Classis: Annville, Rev. J. E. Hiester, pastor; Bethany, Rev. T. M. Yundt, pastor; Bern, Rev. S. A. Leinbach, pastor; St. John's, Rev. W. J. Johnson, pastor; Swatara, Rev. W. D. Donat, pastor, paid their apportionment in full.

VI.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received, May 9, '98, Rev. W. U. Helffrich from Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev.

Jno. M. Kessler, May 12, '98, from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Thomas A. Huber, May 10, '98, from Wyoming Classis; dismissed, Rev. Geo. W. Remagen, Nov. 26, '97, to Kansas Classis, Synod of Interior; Rev. L. M. Kerschner, Nov. 26, '97, to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac; and Lic. G. William Royer, Feb. 3, '98, to Philadelphia Classis; dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Albert Lobach and St. Paul's Reformed Church and dismissed him Sept. 29, '98, to Wyoming Classis. The name of Rev. J. G. Neff was erased from the Classical roll.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed, June, '98, Mr. George W. Hartman and Mr. Paul S. Leinbach and dismissed the latter to Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed, June, '98, Rev. Richard S. Appel to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of East; dissolved, Aug. 1, '98, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., and the Tabor Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.; dissolved, Oct. 6, '98, the pastoral relation existing between St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, and Rev. W. J. Johnson and dismissed him to Philadelphia Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed, May 18, '98, Messrs. Philip H. Hoover and Asher T. Wright; ordained, May 4, '98, Lic. Howard H. Long and installed him as pastor of St. Vincent Church; received, Apr. 11, '98, Lic. Geo. W. Royer from East Pennsylvania Classis, ordained and installed him, Apr. 24, '98, as pastor of Brownback charge; received Lic. A. H. Millison, May, '98, from Goshenhoppen Classis, ordained and installed him, June 12, '98, as pastor of Palatinate Reformed Church, Philadelphia; received, June 11, '98, Lic. Walter B. Joerris from Sheboygan Classis, Synod of Northwest, ordained and installed him, June 23, '98, as pastor of St. John's Church, Phoenixville; received, Apr. 11, '98, Rev. A. B. Stoner from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; received, Oct. 1, '98, Rev. E. F. Weist from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac, confirmed his call to First Church, Philadelphia, and made provision for his installation; dismissed, Apr. 25, '98, Rev. S. H. Seem to Presbytery of Nassau, Long Island, N. Y.; dismissed, May, '98, Rev. A. O. Reiter to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; June 25, Lic. Asher T. Wreight and Aug. 16, '98,

Rev. H. H. Apple to Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac; and Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer to Reading Classis and organized a new congregation, Fifty-second and Master Streets, known as Palatinate Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Rev. Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., having died Nov. 26, '97, his name disappears from the Classical roll.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed, May 25, '98, Victor J. Tingler; ordained, May 23, '97, Lic. John D. Hicks and installed him as assistant pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, Pa.; ordained and installed Lic. Glase Gerhard, May 27, '97, as pastor of Hummelstown charge; ordained and installed, June 13, '98, Lic. Daniel G. Glass as pastor of Faith Reformed Church, Lancaster; dismissed, Aug. 11, '98, Rev. Ellis S. Hay to Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Lic. Martin W. Schweitzer, Aug. 27, '98, to West Susquehanna Classis, and organized, Oct. 21, '97, St. Andrew's congregation. Rev. Thos. G. Appel, D.D., having died Sept. 17, '98, his name hereafter will disappear from the Classical roll.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received, June, '98, Lic. Fred. C. Seitz from Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, confirmed a call and ordained and installed him, June 26, '98, as pastor of Millersburg charge; ordained Lic. M. M. Fryer, Aug. 19, '97, and installed as assistant pastor of Tower City Mission; received, Oct. 28, '97, Rev. Albert Gonser from Lebanon Classis and installed him, Nov. 7, '97, as pastor of Mt. Carmel charge; received Jan. 13, '98, Lic. Zsolt Kuthy from Dubrecen, Hungary, and dismissed him, June, '98, to the German Classis of New York, German Synod of East; dismissed, Jan. 13, '98, Rev. J. W. Reinecke to Wyoming Classis. The Rev. Samuel Kahn having died Oct. 28, '97, his name disappears from the Classical roll.

6. West Susquehanna Classis ordained, Sept. 10, '97, Lic. J. L. Barnhart and installed him as pastor of White Deer charge; received, Nov. 4, '97, Lic. Chas. A. Bushong from Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac, ordained and installed him, Oct. 10, '97, as pastor of Penn Creek charge, and dismissed him, Feb. 20, '98, to Kansas Classis, Synod of Interior; received, May 19, '98, Lic. Thos. L. Bickel from Reading Classis; dismissed, Aug. 30, '98, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D.D., to

Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac; received, Aug. 30, '98, Lic. Martin W. Schweitzer from Lancaster Classis and made provision for his ordination and installation in Susquehanna charge, and dismissed, Jan. 31, '98, Lic. J. F. Kerlin to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed, Jan. 24, '98, Mr. A. N. Millison and Mr. Jacob N. Faust, May 18, '98; dismissed, Lic. A. N. Millison to Philadelphia Classis and Lic. Jacob N. Faust to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac. Rev. Dr. C. Z. Weiser having died March 3, '98, and Rev. L. D. Leberman having died Apr. 28, '98, their names disappear from the Classical roll.

8. Tohickon Classis received, Nov. 2, '97, Rev. J. Rauch Stein from Lebanon Classis and installed him, Nov. 12, '97, as pastor of Perkasie charge; received, Nov. 2, '97, Rev. Jno. A. Mertz from Philadelphia Classis and installed him, Nov. 18, '97, as pastor of Durham charge; received, Rev. J. O. Lindaman from East Pennsylvania Classis and installed him, Nov. 14, '97, as pastor of Hilltown charge.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed, May 19, '98, Messrs. Albert O. Bartholomew, Moris E. Schadt, Danl. E. Schaeffer, Calvin P. Wehr and Osville B. Wehr; received, Sept. 29, '97, Lic. L. J. Rohrbaugh from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, ordained and installed him, Nov. 2, '97, as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Allentown; dismissed, May, '98, Rev. W. J. Hinke to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; Lic. Daniel E. Schaeffer, July 5, '98, to Reading Classis; Lic. C. P. Wehr, July 21, '98, to Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; (and organized, July 9, '97, Grace Reformed congregation.) Rev. Dr. Alfred J. G. Dubbs having died Nov. 7, '97, his name disappears from the Classical roll.

10. Schuylkill Classis received, June, '98, Lic. W. D. Stoyer from St. Paul Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, confirmed his call and ordained and installed him, June 9, '98, in Tremont charge; dismissed, Rev. E. S. Bromer to Lebanon Classis, Oct. 18, '98, and Rev. W. J. Muir to Wyoming Classis.

11. Wyoming Classis licensed, June 3, '98, Messrs. Chas. D. Lerch and J. G. Kerschner; received, Jan. 31, '98, Lic. Wm. Toennes from German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of

East, confirmed the call, ordained and installed him, on the same day, as pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Hazleton, Pa.; ordained, Lic. T. P. Bolliger, July 25, '97; received, Jan. 31, '98, Rev. Jno. W. Reinecke from East Susquehanna Classis, confirmed his call and installed him, Mar. 6, '98, as pastor of St. John's charge, Luzerne Co., Pa.; dissolved, July 4, '98, the pastoral relation between Rev. D. E. Schoedler and the Paradise charge; received, July 19, '98, Rev. Wm. J. Muir from Schuylkill Classis, confirmed the call and installed him, Sept. 25, '98, as pastor of Paradise charge; dismissed, June 3, '98, Lic. J. G. Kerschner to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of East. Rev. H. F. Witzel having died Nov. 4, '97 his name disappears from the Classical roll.

12. Reading Classis licensed, May 16, '98, Mr. Thos. L. Bickel and dismissed him to West Susquehanna Classis; received, Lic. Daniel E. Schaeffer from Lehigh Classis, ordained and installed him, July 24, '98, as pastor of Leesport charge; received, Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer from Philadelphia Classis and installed him, Sept. 2, '98, as pastor of St. Mark's Church, Reading; dismissed, Feb. 28, '98, Rev. T. R. Dietz to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, and organized, per Rev. M. L. Herbein, Trinity Reformed Church, at Woodvale, Pa.

VII.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Bath, Northampton County, Pa., on Monday, May 1st, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Silas F. Laury, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Avon, Lebanon County, Pa., Monday, May 15th, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. D. Donat, *President;* Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., *Stated Clerk*; I. Calvin Fisher, *Treasurer;* and Elder Jacob K. Funck, *Deputy Treasurer.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Eleventh and Huntingdon Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, May 8th, A. D. 1899, at 8 P. M. Rev. E. C. Sult, *President;* Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., *Stated Clerk*; Rev. J. B. Henry, *Treasurer.*

4. Lancaster Classis will meet second Monday after

Easter, April 10th, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M., in Trinity Reformed Church, Columbia, Pa. Rev. Henry H. Sangree, *President;* Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D.D., *Treasurer.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa., on Monday after first Sunday in Trinity, June 5th, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. I. M. Schaeffer, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leinbach, *Stated Clerk*; Elder Geo. Hill, Esq., of Sunbury, Pa., *Treasurer.*

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, at Boalsburg, Pa., second Wednesday of May, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Tilghman Derr, *President;* Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in St. James' Union Church, Limerick, Montgomery County, Pa., on Monday before Ascension Day, May 8th, A. D. 1899, at 2 P. M. Rev. J. E. Freeman, *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk*; Elder D. B. Mauger, Douglesville, Pa., *Treasurer.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in the St. Peter Reformed Church, Hilltown, Bucks County, Pa., on Monday after Ascension, May 15, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. F. J. Mohr, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder Isaac G. Gerhart, Telford, Pa., *Treasurer.*

9. Lehigh Classis will meet on the first Monday after the second Thursday in May, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 P. M., in DeLong's Reformed Church, Bowers Station, Berks county, Pa., Rev. T. I. Hacker, *President;* Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Orwigsburg, Pa., on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Herbert, *President;* Rev. R. O. Boyle, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. O. H. Strunck, *Treasurer.*

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, West Hazleton, Pa., May 3d, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. William D. Happel, *President;* Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. A. Houtz, *Treasurer.*

12. Reading Classis will meet in Faith-Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., second Monday after Easter, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. H. Y. Stoner, *President;* Rev. F. B.

Hahn, *Stated Clerk*, and Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, D.D., *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, GEO. J. LISBERGER,
JNO. H. SECHLER, J. H. KURZENKNABE.

All items under head of Irregularities were adopted. The 4th item under head of Requests was adopted—for action on the remaining items under the head of Requests, (see Article XVI., Appeals and References). Under the head of "Subjects Referred," the several items were adopted—for further action, (see Article XVI., Appeals and References). On the 1st and 3d items under the head of Appeals and Complaints—the complainants withdrew the case. On item two, (see Article XVI., Appeals and Complaints). The items under the head of Licensure and Ordination and the items in regard to time and place of the annual meetings of Classes were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

Your Committee have had no items of business referred to them, and therefore have no result of any work done to report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN,
J. H. HENDRICKS, LEWIS STEIGERWALT.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The report on the state of religion of nearly 100,000 communicants is not an easy task to prepare. To come into touch with so large a body, and having done that, then to grasp the whole with proper proportion to all the parts is difficult. The spheres of work in the Church are so varied that the examination of all of them is hard. How-

ever, we have two sources on which to base a report so as to make it fair and full. The first are the reports of the state of religion in the classes, which we suppose faithfully reflect and summarize the parochial reports. And then we have the statistics, and statistics though dry, produce many revelations.

Turning to the first source, we find that the reports of the state of religion of the Classes breathe a hopeful spirit and speak of progress in general. They all agree in reporting the earnest preaching of the gospel, faithfulness in catechization, pastoral visitation and regular administration of the sacraments. Each, however, states its own peculiar difficulties and encouragements. They reveal the following peculiarities:

The report of East Pennsylvania Classis refers to the growing evil in the Church, namely, the absence of the elders from Classis at the time when the pastors read their parochial reports. In some charges the temporal contract has not been fulfilled promptly and completely. It regrets to speak of discord among the brethren in a few of the congregations. On the other hand, it rejoices that new congregations are being organized and new church buildings erected,—laments the decrease of $808 in benevolent contributions, but as last year, $3,000 of them were from legacies they had a real gain of $2,154. They also increased $3,000.00 for their congregational purposes.

Lebanon Classis reports progress in Christian beneficence, —an increased activity in Sunday-school work, not so much in the organization of new Sunday-schools as in the enlargement and better attendance of the old. It also reports the increase of the missionary spirit, especially through the Woman's Missionary Societies.

Philadelphia's report is very brief, but "rejoices that every minister is a hopeful Joshua, and not a frightened Elijah, or a weeping Jeremiah"—reports that most of the charges have two or more auxiliary societies helping the church in its legitimate aims.

Lancaster Classis reports that its membership does not show a marked increase, laments the carelessness of many parents in not having their children baptized—that notwithstand-

ing the hard times there has been a spirit of benevolence, and that although the war spirit is abroad we should carefully cherish the principles of the Prince of Peace.

East Susquehanna speaks especially of activity in Sunday-school work, and of large ingatherings in membership.

West Susquehanna reports no gain in membership; laments the largeness of its charges, having on an average, four congregations to one pastor, which fact greatly hinders the work. Yet this discouraging fact is a challenge for more laborers, and they urge, therefore, prayer for more ministers in their field.

Goshenhoppen reports an increase of membership, but regrets that in some charges the sacrament of baptism is not as highly regarded as it should be. It emphasizes the encouraging results of the Sunday-school work,—especially notes the good work of the Sunday-school Board. It speaks of the importance of work of the young people, and is gratified with its receipts for benevolence.

Tohickon speaks of increased emphasis being laid on the means of grace—the desire for better things in the Lord's work, namely, deeper devotion and greater harvests, but severely laments the tendency on the part of some congregations to cast aside a pastor after having done faithful work for a number of years.

Lehigh speaks of the growing importance of the Sunday-school work, and of the increase of benevolence.

Schuylkill laments a decrease in benevolence of $3.500; gives the reason for it in the financial and political disturbances of the nation: speaks of better attendance on church services and young people's meetings as the result of personal work, but it specially complains of the great evils of Sunday newspapers and intemperance.

Wyoming speaks of increased activity in the Societies for the young as Christian Endeavor and Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip and also activity in the Sunday-school, especially under the improved system of our Sunday-school Board of General Synod, and says its charges show a commendable spirit of liberality.

Reading speaks of the joy of ministers in their work, al-

though we have just passed through a season of financial depression and are about entering a terrible war. It says the Sunday-schools are carrying forward their work with great effect, but laments the prevalent evils of intemperance and licentiousness.

Summarizing these reports, we find that in addition to the common emphasis laid on the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, pastoral visitation and catechization, the discouraging features have been that one Classis reports no gain in membership and another no marked increase. Two also report reduced benevolence. This is counter balanced by two reporting greater gains and large increase of membership. Still the low increase or stationary position of some classes in their membership may be caused to some extent by pruning of the church rolls. But still the subject ought to deserve serious consideration for it is the law of God's work that it should never stand still. Its keyword is "Progress."

The most prominent subjects in the minds of the Classes have been those of the Sunday-school and benevolence, and to some extent the young people's societies. No less than six speak of the importance and efficiency of the Sunday-school work and two praise the efforts of the Sunday-school Board, while three speak of the importance of emphasizing our work among young people. These are excellent signs. The denomination that looks after its young will find its Churches full, and the Church that looks after its finances will find its coffers full, to carry on the work of the Church. We miss, however, in these reports on the state of religion, a sufficient reference to missionary work, especially foreign missions. Only one Classis makes very special reference of it. We think this is a lack in the reports and an important defect. Perhaps the fact that missions are dealt with in other special reports before the Classis may account for this omission. And yet it does not. Those special reports on missions may be important for Classes, but in the report of the state of religion, which is supposed to give a complete picture of the state of our Churches, missions are just as important as either Sunday-schools or benevolence; indeed more important, for it has been

well said that the Church "that ceases to be missionary soon ceases to be evangelical." Besides, the Classes have special reports on the Sunday-school and finance, and yet Sunday-schools and benevolent objects are still included in the report of the state of religion. If they are there, so ought to be missions. There is no complete view of the church that leaves out missions. We would therefore call the attention of Classes to this defect in their reports. We do not believe that it is because they have no interest in missions, but because they have gotten into the habit of leaving them out. We trust that they will see that this great subject finds a proper place in their reports so as to completely mirror the work of the churches in all their departments as well as to call attention to this great importance of missionary effort. These reports also call special attention to the sins of society, intemperance, licentiousness and Sunday newspapers. Against these the Church should utter no uncertain sound. They should be declared contrary to the spirit of Christ and the example of Christ. We call upon our ministers, members or consistories and communicants to speak out plainly and act decidedly in crushing these monster evils that threaten the welfare of God's Church.

The other source by which we gain information about the condition of the Church is from the statistical table. Compared with the statistics of last year they reveal that there are seven more congregations, 1,848 more communicant members, 1,527 more communicants, 972 more unconfirmed, 14,426 less infant baptisms, and 22 more adult baptisms, 168 less confirmations, but 26 more received by certificate, with 36 less dismissals, 360 less erasures, and 233 fewer deaths. The number of students for the ministry is diminished by 11 and is 96 at present. Financially, the Synod raised $2231.00 more for benevolence and $3,063.00 more for congregational purposes.

These general statistics emphasize some of the points referred to in the classical reports. They reveal a greater carelessness of parents on the part of infant baptism. In this age of worldliness and great business activity parents are often neglectful of the best interests of their children. This Synod,

therefore, urges parents to be more mindful of their duty and have their children brought into the covenant.

The number of confirmations, too, shows a perceptible falling off, although it is offset to some extent by the smaller number of deaths, dismissals and erasures, as well as by a larger number of receptions by letter. Still in so large a body as this Synod, whose natural increase would be large, it is surprising that the number of confirmations is smaller than last year. Besides the increase of only seven congregations in so large a Synod still further reveals this. There must be something wrong in some places. We fear that in certain quarters there is a lack of activity, or of adaptiveness, or perhaps of prayer. It is true we have been called a conservative denomination, but that reputation does not excuse us from doing our proportionate share in the work of saving men. The only way to atone for this is to make a great effort this year for the enlargement of our borders and the salvation of souls. More preaching of the old Gospel, more personal work of individual souls and more faithful pastoral activity will produce greater numerical and spiritual results. Let us, therefore, sound the note to the Church of forward at the Master's call, that this coming year may be one of greater activity, larger results and richer blessing.

JAMES I. GOOD, I. CALVIN FISHER,
O. P. STECKEL, JOHN W. APPEL.

(For statistics see appendix.)

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The following record, prepared by the Stated Clerk, giving a brief history of those ministers of the Reformed Church in connection with the Eastern Synod, who have died during the Synodical year, is herewith as a slight tribute to their memory, respectfully submitted.

REV. ALFRED JOSEPH GETZ DUBBS, D.D.
Died November 7th, A. D. 1897.

Alfred Joseph Getz Dubbs, the son of Rev. Dr. Joseph S. and Susan Dubbs, was born June 8th, A. D. 1829, in Windsor township, Berks county, Pa. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed at the age of fifteen years by his father in the

Reformed Church at Egypt. His preliminary classical training was received at the Easton Academy under the instruction of Dr. John Vanderveer. In 1845 he entered college at Mercersburg, Pa., where he pursued his studies in course to the Senior year. After devoting several years to teaching and to the science of theology he was licensed in 1851 at Plainfield by East Penna. Classis to preach the Gospel. In his early ministry he served as an assistant to his father, and subsequently became pastor of the Mickley, Friedens and Salisbury congregations. In 1857 his charge consisted of the congregations at Trexlertown, Millerstown, Salisbury, Upper Milford and Friedensville. After devoting fourteen years to this extensive field, the charge was divided and he continued pastor of the first three named congregations. In 1876 he resigned his charge and devoted his energies to the proposed missions at Emaus and at Allentown. In the same year he organized Salem Reformed congregation in Allentown, erected a church and dedicated it on Christmas Day. During a pastorate of 16 years the congregation increased to 1,200 members. He was a faithful preacher of the Word, and his ministerial labors were crowned with marked success. He was married Oct. 18, 1853, to Maria Schriber, who preceded him three years ago to the eternal world. In his latter years he retired from the active ministry. Growing physical infirmities cast a shadow over his closing earthly life. His tall, commanding form, once so erect, was seen to totter and to bend, until finally he sinks to rest Nov. 7, 1897, at the age of 68 years, 4 months and 30 days, and is gathered to his people. The funeral services were held on the following Thursday in Salem Reformed church, Allentown. He left a legacy of $3,000 to the different benevolent institutions of the church, while his own consecrated life was cheerfully offered to the service of his Master and the greater glory of the Church.

Rev. Samuel Kuhn.

Died Oct. 28, A. D. 1897.

Samuel Kuhn, a son of John and Elizabeth Kuhn, nee Gallatin, was born Aug. 14, A. D. 1819, in Franklin county, Pa. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed Nov. 19th,

1835, as a member of the Reformed Church by Rev. Frederick A. Rahauser. His early life was spent in labor on a farm in the home of his father. At the age of 17 he learned the trade of a cabinetmaker. Through the influence of his pastor, Dr. Amos H. Kremer, his attention was directed to the ministry of the Gospel. In 1841 he entered Marshall College, at Mercersburg. On account of the lack of funds there were frequent interruptions in his course. By manual labor and unabated zeal he was enabled to prosecute his studies until Oct. 24, 1850, when Mercersburg Classis licensed him to preach the Gospel. He was ordained by Zion's Classis and installed as pastor of the New Bloomfield charge. On Dec. 19, 1862, he became pastor of the Aaronsburg charge; April 1, 1867, of Hummelstown charge; Nov. 1, 1882, of the Berryburg charge, and Aug. 21, 1890, of the Liverpool charge, consisting of seven congregations. After laboring faithfully in the ministry of the Gospel for forty-four years, he retired from its active duties in the spring of 1895, finding a home among his friends at Elizabethville, Pa. By strict economy he was enabled to pay out of his own funds for a life membership in the Society for Relief of Ministers and their widows. Rev. Kuhn was married March 22, 1843, to Eleanor Maria Cuningham, of which marriage one son and three daughters are surviving. His second marriage took place March 13, 1877, with Margaret Eckert. After a lingering illness he fell asleep and entered into rest on Thursday, Oct. 28, 1897, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 14 days. He was buried at Elizabethville, Pa.. on the following Monday, and his brethren, Revs. J. J. Stauffer and J. C. Leinbach, preached the comforting promise of the Gospel concerning those asleep in Jesus to a large assemblage of people.

REV. FREDERICK HENRY WITZEL.

Died Nov. 4th, A. D. 1897.

Frederick H. Witzel, son of John Theo. and Anna Maria Witzel, was born Feb. 6, A. D. 1871, at Gerstingen an der Werr, Sachen Weimer Eisenach. Consecrated to God in childhood, he came with his parents Oct. 28, 1883, to America and found a home in Mahanoy City, Pa. He was confirmed in his youth by Rev. H. A. Keyser. His educational training was

received by spending three years in the preparatory department of Ursinus College, four years in the college proper, and two years in the Theological School of that institution. He was licensed April, 1896, by Schuylkill Classis at Pottsville, Pa., accepted a call to Grace Reformed church, Hazleton, Pa., and was ordained June 21, 1896, and installed as pastor of that congregation. On June 30, 1896, he was married to Miss Ida M., the only daughter of Rev. H. A. Keyser, his former pastor. After a brief ministry of 18 months of faithful service he ended his mortal career Nov. 4, 1897, at the age of 26 years, 8 months and 28 days, leaving a bereaved wife and an infant child to lament his early departure. The funeral services were held in Grace church, Hazleton, and in St. Paul's church, Mahanoy City, whereto his remains were conveyed for burial. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

REV. HENRY W. SUPER, D.D., LL.D.
Died Nov. 26, A. D. 1897.

Henry William Super, son of John and Charlotte Super, was born in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31, 1824. He became a member of the Reformed Church in Baltimore at the age of sixteen, under the pastorate of Dr. Elias Heiner. Believing himself called to the work of the ministry, he began his preparatory study in the Academy of Marshall College, Mercersburg, in the fall of 1844, and he was graduated by Marshall College in 1849, with the first honor for scholarship. After spending a year in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, he established a Classical Academy at Memphis, Tenn. While visiting relatives at Tiffin, Ohio, he was induced to attend a meeting of Miami Classis in Mt. Pisgah church, near Tiffin, and be examined for a license to preach the Gospel. He was licensed there April 27, 1851. He returned to Mercersburg, however, and completed the course of studies. He accepted a call from the Reformed church at Waynesboro, Pa., and was ordained and installed as pastor Feb. 9, 1852. On April 1, 1862, he became pastor of the Greensburg charge. In April, 1867, he entered upon the duties of the professorship of Mathematics in the Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. This position he left in 1870 to become Vice-President of Ursinus College, and its Professor of Mathematics. In the Ursinus Theo-

logical Department he was Professor of Church History and Homiletics. He labored in this capacity twenty-two years, when he became President of the College. The honorary degrees were conferred on him by Heidelberg College in the years 1874 and 1892. He retired into private life in July, 1893.

He was married in April, 1878, to Mrs. Sarah H. Detwiler, of Trappe, Pa. He died Nov. 26, 1897, aged 72 years, 1 month and 5 days, and his mortal remains were interred in the cemetery of the Reformed church, Trappe, Pa.

REV. CLEMENT L. WEISER, D.D.

Died March 1st, A. D. 1898.

Clement L. Weiser, a son of Rev. Daniel and Caroline Weiser, and a lineal descendant of Conrad Weiser, the Indian interpreter, was born Oct. 29th, 1830, at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, Pa. He was graduated in Marshall College in 1850, and in the Theological Seminary, located at Mercersburg, Pa., in 1852. Several years were spent at these institutions after graduation as German tutor and assistant principal in the Academic Department. In 1855 he accepted a call, was licensed and ordained as pastor of Selinsgrove charge. In 1862 he became successor to his father, who had served 33 years as minister of the New Goshenhoppen charge. Dr. Weiser continued in faithful, active service in this charge an equal number of years greatly beloved by his people. During the latter years of his life, on account of growing physical infirmities, he retired from the active duties of the ministry. He was married in 1859 to Louisa C. Gutelius, of Mifflinburg, Pa., with whom he was blessed with four children, who preceded him to the eternal world. He was a ready writer and contributed frequently to the church periodicals, served the Church well in her literary institutions and in her ecclesiastical councils. The honorary degree conferred on him for scholarship was received from his Alma Mater. He died at the age of 67 years, 4 months and 2 days, deeply lamented by his surviving widow and his bereft people. He was buried on Monday, March 7, at New Goshenhoppen, Montgomery county, Pa.

REV. LAWRENCE DAVID LEBERMAN.

Died April 28, A. D. 1898.

Lawrence D. Leberman, son of Lawrence and Leah Le-

berman, was born of Jewish parentage in Würtemberg, Germany. He came to America in his youth, lived in Philadelphia, where he was brought under Christian influence which resulted in the pursuit of a course of study in the Lutheran institutions at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1846 he was ordained by Goshenhoppen Classis as pastor of four churches: Amity, Baumstown, Huber's and Brownback's. In 1848 he removed to Reimersburg, Clarion county, Pa., where he became pastor of nine Reformed congregations. In 1856 he served the Petersburg charge; in '58 the Mercer charge, and in '60 the Meadville charge in Crawford county. In '69 he removed to Leesport, Pa., where he became pastor of three congregations. In '70 he removed to Pottstown, where he served the Zion's, Amity, Baumstown and Limerick congregations. For several years Rev. Leberman did excellent work as Secretary of our Home Mission Board. In 1884 he was appointed pastor of the mission at San Francisco, Cal., which position he held until May, 1886, when, on account of ill health he retired from the active duties of the ministry and made his home in Philadelphia. During the latter days of his life he was much afflicted. After fifty years of faithful service in the Church he fell asleep in Christ in his 78th year, leaving a widow and seven children as his survivors. The funeral service was held at his home at corner of Seventh and Girard avenue, Philadelphia, and his earthly remains were interred in Chas. Evan's cemetery, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Thomas Gilmore Apple, D.D., LL.D.

Died Sept. 17, A. D. 1898.

Thomas G. Apple was born Nov. 14, A. D. 1829, in Easton, Pa. His literary training was received in Easton, and in Marshall College, at Mercersburg, graduating in the class of 1850. Having pursued his theological studies for several years, he took charge, in 1852, of the Academy at Easton, serving at the same time the Riegelsville and Lower Mt. Bethel congregations.

In 1855 a call was accepted to the Second church, Greensburg, Pa. In 1856, to Mechanicsburg, Pa., and in 1858, to Greencastle, Pa. In 1865 he became President of Mercersburg College, and in 1871 he was elected to the chair of

Church History and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary. In 1877 he was elected President of Franklin and Marshall College, which position he filled in addition to his duties in the Seminary until 1889. The honorary degrees in course were conferred by his Alma Mater, and also the title of D.D., the title of Ph.D., and LL.D. was conferred by Lafayette College. He held his professorship in the Theological Seminary until to the end of his life. Dr. Apple was married in 1851 to Miss Emma M. Miller, of Easton, Pa., with whom he was blessed with a large family. Forty-six years of his life have been devoted to the Church in the Gospel Ministry and as a teacher in her educational institutions. The whole Church gratefully acknowledges his valuable service. Weary and worn out he closes his earthly career at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 3 days, leaving his widow and eight surviving children to mourn his departure. The funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, '98, in the College Chapel, and the body was interred in Lancaster cemetery.

ARTICLE XIII.

F. AND M. COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.

(a).—Report of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the board held two regular and one special meetings.

The special meeting was held February 1st, 1898, at which was received the proposition of Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., of Tiffin, Ohio, to give to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, securities amounting to $12,000, which, however, will not be fully available until after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Swander. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the Church are due to Mrs. Barbara Swander and Rev.

John I. Swander, D.D., for their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and that the board accept the same with heartfelt gratitude."

The Treasurer presented his report on the Kansas Investments, which were finally disposed of by the sale of the properties, which the board had been obliged to buy. The action of the Committee on Kansas Investments was approved by the Board, and the Treasurer instructed to make a deduction on the endowment fund of $2,826.99.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 12th, 1898, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The de Peyster Library Building is partly situated on Seminary ground, therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, be authorized to grant in fee simple to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College, fifty feet of ground on College avenue the full depth of the lot for the sum of one dollar.

The attention of the Synod is called to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the various Synods be respectfully requested to take under consideration the question of the payment of the necessary expenses of the members of the Board in their attendance upon the meetings.

The Fall meeting was held in the Seminary building on October 4th, 1898.

Accompanying this paper is the report of the special committee on the extraordinary expenses of the board during the past year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion $1,200 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, and $900 in payment of the

extraordinary expenses referred to in the special committee's report, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	$1,050 00
Pittsburgh Synod	350 00
Potomac Synod	700 00

The following action wastaken on the death of Dr. Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History:

Whereas, In the Providence of God, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., has been removed by death from our Theological Seminary, in which for twenty-seven years he served as Professor of Church History; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby sorrowfully make record of his decease, and at the same time express our high appreciation of his many noble virtues as a man and of his eminent abilities and incalculable services as a Christian teacher.

Resolved, That, through our Secretary, a copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the bereaved family, along with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

The terms of office of John J. Nissley, Martin J. Regel and John B. Roth expire in 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 4th, 1898.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN:—As a Committee of your Board we present for your consideration and approval an itemized bill under the head of "Seminary Grounds and Building Account." The opening of Pine Street by the City of Lancaster through the Seminary property on West James Street and the extension of Lemon Street west of College Avenue by the same authority, made it absolutely necessary in compliance with city ordinances, to have this work done. Again, the fences around the Seminary property on College Avenue were in bad condition and had to be repaired. The filling up of W. Lemon Street by the city, placed the Seminary grounds about three

feet below the level of the street, requiring about six thousand cart-loads of earth to level it up. The Board also instructed the Executive Committee of the Board, "who also constitute the Committee on Grounds and Buildings," to have placed in the buildings occupied by Thos. G. Apple, D.D., and E. V. Gerhart, D.D., baths and water-closets and to do such other repairs as was absolutely required for the general betterment of the Seminary property and to avoid coming in conflict with city ordinances. This has been done and the cost of the same is set forth in the report to the Board, "at least one hundred dollars should be added to the sum total to finish up the work." The Committee having no funds to pay these bills, other than endowment fund, used what was necessary from that fund to pay said bills. It will be in the province of this Board to ask the Synod to provide in some way for the repayment of said sum expended, back into the fund from which it was taken. This the Synod might do by making an appropriation direct from its contingent fund or by an apportionment amongst the Synods composing its body. In connection with this matter we would suggest that the Synods and Church do not appear to understand the financial status of the Theological Seminary. Its new home has materially increased its general expenses, and the fact must be patent to this Board and should be to every member of the respective Synods, under whose care it is fostered, "That an institution whose economical expenditures annually amount to six thousand dollars cannot maintain a good financial credit with an endowment fund that will not produce that amount of income. All of which is

Respectfully presented,

JOHN D. SKILES, JOHN B. ROTH,

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1898. *Committee.*

Treasurer's Report.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1st, 1898.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

1897.		
Oct. 1.	For Int. Pd. by A. Fritz to Oct. 1, 1897.....$	82 50
Oct. 1.	" " Jacob Heyser on account.....	50 00
Oct. 2.	" " Saml. M. Keen to acct., Oct. 1, '97.	75 00

Oct. 4.	For Int. Pd. by		Geo. W. Schroyer, Oct. 1, '97.....$	60 00
Oct. 4.	"	"	E. S. Stehman, Oct. 1, '97.....	42 50
Oct. 4.	"	"	On loan.....	14 02
Oct. 5.	"	"	W. H. Rissier on account.....	40 00
Oct. 6.	"	"	P. M. Ermantrout on account.....	200 00
Oct. 9.	"	"	Becker property to Oct. 1, '97.....	100 00
Oct. 14.	"	"	Kieffer legacy on account.....	125 00
Nov. 3.	"	"	St. Stephen's Chapel to Oct. 29, '97.	6 00
Nov. 8.	"	"	Kieffer legacy to Oct. 1, '97.....	112 50
Nov. 10.	"	"	Lysinger legacy to Nov. 15, '97....	60 00
Nov. 18.	"	"	St. John's Luth. Ch. to Nov. 15, '97	106 00
Nov. 24.	"	"	I. F. Bassler to Apr. 1, '97.....	25 00
Dec. 1.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. to Dec. 1, '97.....	150 00
Dec. 7.	"	"	Zion's Classis, Dec. 15, '97.....	7 35
Dec. 8.	"	"	Balt. & H'b'g R. R. to Nov. 1, '97.	25 00
Dec. 13.	"	"	Wolfersberger, S. R., on account..	10 00
Dec. 16.	"	"	Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, '98.	12 00
1898.				
Jan. 8.	"	"	Becker property on account.....	95 30
Feb. 5.	"	"	C. R. Goodell in full.....	17 08
Feb. 9.	"	"	A. Fritz on account.....	30 00
Feb. 25.	"	"	Jno. F. Bassler on account.....	16 50
Mar. 2.	"	"	Job Robinson in full.....	33 30
Mar. 2.	"	"	Lancaster Trac. Co. to Oct. 1, '97..	137 50
Mar. 8.	"	"	Berwyn Water Co. to Mar. 1, '98..	60 00
Mar. 8.	"	"	Becker property on account.....	20 00
Mar. 10.	"	"	S. R. Wolfersberger on account....	12 22
Mar. 14.	"	"	Spr'gfield Water Bonds, Mar. 1, '98	37 50
Mar. 22.	"	"	W. U. Hensel on account.....	25 00
Mar. 23.	"	"	F. Grant Wesley to Apr. 1, '98.....	48 00
Mar. 25.	"	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman on account.....	75 00
Mar. 28.	"	"	Geo. W. Schroyer to Apr. 1, 1898..	120 00
Mar. 29.	"	"	W. U. Hensel to Apr. 1, 1898.....	125 00
Mar. 29.	"	"	W. U. Hensel to Apr. 13, 1898.....	20 00
Mar. 29.	"	"	W. U. Hensel, trustee, Apr. 14, 1898	180 00
Mar. 31.	"	"	A. Fritz to Apr. 1, 1898.....	52 50
Mar. 31.	"	"	Isaac L. Groff, Apr. 1, 1898.....	82 50
Mar. 31.	"	"	Aaron Kuncle, April 1, 1898.....	38 50
Mar. 31.	"	"	S. J. Johnson, Apr. 1, 1898.....	90 00
Mar. 31.	"	"	Samuel M. Keen, Apr. 1, 1898.....	75 00
Apr. 1.	"	"	Lancaster Traction Co., Apr. 1, 1898	137 50
Apr. 1.	"	"	S. R. Wolfersberger Apr. 1, 1898..	77 78
Apr. 2.	"	"	W. H. Rinier on account.....	60 00
Apr. 2.	"	"	Henry Keen to Apr. 1, 1898.....	60 00
Apr. 2.		"	Geo. Carbaugh to Apr. 1, 1898.....	110 00
Apr. 2.	"	"	W. F. Hambright to Apr. 17, 1898..	75 00
Apr. 2.	"	"	Kieffer Legacy to Apr. 1. 1898.....	237 50
Apr. 5.	"	"	Cook Legacy to Apr. 1, 1898.....	36 00
Apr. 7.	"	"	Jacob Heyser on account.....	60 00
Apr. 25.	"	"	W. S. Martin, Treas., to Apr. 1, '98	100 00
May 7.	"	"	Simmons property on account.....	8 00
May 9.	"	"	Sunbury H. & W. Bond, May 1, '98	28 00
May 9.	"	"	Balt. & Hbg. R.R. Bond, May 1,'98	23 00
May 11.	"	"	Zion's Classis to June 15, 1898.....	5 98
May 14.	"	"	Lysinger mort. to May 15, 1898...	30 00
May 16.	"	"	St. John's Luth. Ch., May 15. 1898.	106 00
May 28.	"	"	Jacob Heyser on account.....	40 00
May 28.	"	"	E. Susq. Classis to March 4, 1898..	15 00
June 1.	"	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds, June 1, '98	150 00

June 10.	For Int. Pd. by	Becker property on account.....	$ 100 00
June 16.	" "	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co.....	20 00
June 20.	" "	Simmons property on account.....	5 50
June 21.	" "	Osborne & Co., June 21, 1898.....	200 00
June 27.	" "	Lysinger in full.....	6 66
July 8.	" "	P. M. Ermantrout on account.....	100 00
July 11.	" "	Harrisburg Bridge Co., July 1, 1898	5 00
July 16.	" "	Amos Christ to Apr. 1, 1898.....	90 00
July 21.	" "	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co.....	21 00
Aug. 1.	" "	Simmons property on account.....	6 00
Aug. 29.	" "	Morgan Mortgage to Sept. 1, '98..	60 00
Aug. 29.	" "	Springfield W. Co., to Sept. 1, 1898	37 50
Aug. 29.	" "	Berwyn W. Co., to Sept. 1, 1898...	60 00
Aug. 29.	" "	Simmons property on account.....	4 00
Sept. 1.	" "	Lane & Co., to Apr. 1, 1898.....	91 34
Sept. 6.	" "	Wyoming Classis to July 1, 1898...	15 00
Sept. 10.	" "	Rev. J. C. Bowman on account....	25 00
Sept. 19.	" "	Simmons property rent.....	8 00
Sept. 24.	" "	Jacob Heyser on account.....	70 00
Sept. 26.	" "	Sem. Aid Fund, transferred and charged to Treasurer.....	890 81
Sept. 27.	" "	Locher's Sons to Sept. 15, 1898...	250 00
Sept. 27.	" "	Rev. J. C. Bowman to Oct. 1, 1898	25 00
			$6,143 34

Oct. 1.	Amount credit brought forward.....	$11,092 10
Oct. 1.	Amount debit brought down.....	6,143 34
Oct. 1.	Amount due Treasurer.....	$4,948 76

With sundry interests due to Oct. 1, 1898, on Endowment Fund of $2,000.

JOHN B. ROTH,
Treas. Theo. Sem'y of the Reformed Church of the U. S.

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1897.			
Oct. 1.	By balance due him as per account rendered.....		$4,458 13
Oct. 1.	" amt. paid Jas. Smithgall, janitor.....		100 00
Oct. 6.	" "	Treas., salary to Oct. 1, 1897.....	75 00
Oct. 6.	" "	B. B. Martin Co., bill, Aug. 4, 1897..	178 50
Oct. 6.	" "	electric light bill to Oct. 1, 1897.....	1 30
Oct. 9.	" "	Wickersham Printing Co. bill.....	2 75
Oct. 9.	" "	Sem'y water rent by meter.....	3 42
Oct. 14.	" "	insurance on janitor's house.....	2 88
Nov. 1.	" "	insurance on Becker property.....	7 54
Nov. 1.	" "	D. H. Miller's bill.....	11 02
Nov. 1.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to Nov. 1,'97	2 70
Nov. 10.	" "	Simmons property repairs.....	1 50
Nov. 10.	" "	Herman Wohlsen's bill.....	16 15
Nov. 10.	" "	sundry changes in making deeds....	15 00
Nov. 18.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
Nov. 18.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on salary....	200 00
Nov. 18.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
Dec. 6.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill Dec. 1, 1897	2 00
Dec. 6.	" "	Sem'y ad. in Almanac for 1898.....	20 00
Dec. 13.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., sal. to Jan. 1 '98	175 00
Dec. 13.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., sal. to Jan. 1,'98	175 00
Dec. 13.	" "	T. A. Gast, D.D., sal. to Jan. 1, '98..	175 00

Dec. 13.	By amt. paid	Treas. salary to Jan. 1, 1898..... $	75 00
Dec. 17.	" "	Bill of photos. of Sem'y building....	2 50
Dec. 17.	" "	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account...	50 00
Dec. 20.	" "	B. B. Martin Co. bill.....	1 20
Dec. 27.	" "	F. Pfeiffers Co. bill, slating.....	3 25
Dec. 27.	" "	Chas. A. Heinitsh bill.....	1 50
1898.			
Jan. 1.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to Jan. 1, '98	2 50
Jan. 7.	" "	H. L. Lively bill.....	1 33
Jan. 10.	" "	Sem'y water bill by meter.....	2 35
Jan. 11.	" "	Stoner, Shreiner Co. bill.....	2 64
Jan. 13.	" "	Survey and levels of Sem'y property...	10 00
Jan. 17.	" "	Fowler's bill.....	4 00
Feb. 2.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to Feb. 1, '98	2 40
Feb. 2.	" "	Martin Co. bill.....	1 93
Feb. 9.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary account	200 00
Feb. 9.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary account	200 00
Feb. 9.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account....	200 00
Feb. 21.	" "	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account..	25 00
Mar. 2.	" "	New Era Printing Co., catalogues 1-3	59 75
Mar. 2.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to Mar. 1, '98	3 70
Mar. 17.	" "	C. B. Davis, elocution.....	125 00
Mar. 18.	" "	I. Carpenter, surveying.....	3 00
Mar. 18.	" "	B. B. Martin Co., coal bill.....	69 35
Mar. 23.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., sal. to Apr. 1,'98	175 00
Mar. 23.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., sal. to Apr. 1,'98	175 00
Mar. 23.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., sal. to Apr. 1 '98	175 00
Mar. 29.	" "	Stoner, Shreiner Co. bill.....	1 15
Apr. 1.	" "	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account..	100 00
Apr. 4.	" "	C. A. Heinitsh bill.....	1 39
Apr. 4.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to Apr. 1, '98	2 60
Apr. 18.	" "	Treas. salary to April 1, 1898.....	75 00
May 4.	" "	Geo. W. Hull's bill.....	1 50
May 4.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to May 1 '98.	1 00
May 5.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on sal. account	200 00
May 5.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on sal. account	200 00
May 5.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary account	200 00
May 11.	" "	Smaltz Fund, interest to Apr. 1, 1898	125 00
May 11.	" "	B. B. Martin Co. bill.....	2 38
May 13.	" "	W. R. Barnhart expense bill.....	14 00
May 19.	" "	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account..	25 00
May 20.	" "	Sem'y ad in "Students' Volunteer"..	4 00
June 2.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill to June 1, '98	1 50
June 7.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., sal. to Jul. 1, '98	175 00
June 7.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., sal. to Jul. 1,'98	175 00
June 7.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., sal. to Jul. 1, '98..	175 00
June 11.	" "	Treas. salary to July 1, 1898.....	75 00
June 13.	" "	Sem'y water rent by meter, Apr. 1, '98	2 09
June 13.	" "	J. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....	150 00
June 14.	" "	Sem'y ad. in "Oriflamme".....	10 00
July 1.	" "	Geo. W. Schroyer, seed bill.....	2 25
July 5.	" "	Sem'y electric light bill, July 1, 1898.	1 00
July 7.	" "	P. of and revenue stamps.....	4 00
July 7.	" "	Sem'y lime stones on College campus	6 00
July 13.	" "	Sem'y water bill by meter.....	8 25
July 13.	" "	"Examiner" printing bill His. Man.	37 96
July 18.	" "	City water rents, 1897 and 1898, on profs. and janitor's houses.....	30 45
July 18.	" "	Cleaning cistern at E. V. G.....	2 00

July 18.	By amt. paid	Sem'y electric light bill, Aug. 1, '98. $	1 00
Aug. 10.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary account	200 00
Aug. 10.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on sal. account	200 00
Aug. 10.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on sal. account	200 00
Aug. 18.	" "	F. W. Hull's bill.....	1 13
Sept. 3.	" "	Sundry bills paid.....	3 60
Sept. 5.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., sal. to Oct. 1, '98	175 00
Sept. 5.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., sal. to Oct. 1, '98	175 00
Sept. 5.	" "	Thos. G. Apple, D.D., sal. to Oct. 1, '98	175 00
Sept. 8.	" "	Smaltz legacy to Oct. 1, 1898.....	125 00
Sept. 8.	" "	Clopp legacy to Oct. 1, 1898.....	40 00
Sept. 9.	" "	W. U. Hensel, atty., to Oct. 1, 1898..	50 00
Sept. 9.	" "	Jacob Forney Alc'e Fu'd to Oct. 1, '98	50 00
Sept. 9.	" "	Henry Wirt Alc'e Fund, to Oct. 1, '98	50 00
Sept. 9.	" "	Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund to Oct. 1, 1898.....	37 50
Sept. 9.	" "	Sem'y Library to Oct. 1, 1898.....	65 99
Sept. 9.	" "	Class '94 Alcove to Oct. 1, 1898.....	10 00
Sept. 10.	" "	Stoner, Shreiner & Co. bill.....	5 00
Sept. 12.	" "	H. L. Lively bill.....	2 30
Sept. 15.	" "	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on salary....	100 00
Sept. 20.	" "	Jos. S. Zooks bill.....	18 27
Sept. 24.	" "	Geo. W. Schroyer bill.....	4 50
			$11,092 10
Oct. 1.	Balance due Treasurer to date.....		$4,948 76

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

DR.

1897.				
Oct. 9	To amt. paid by	Reading Classis.....	$	17 00
Oct. 9.	" " "	W. Susquehanna Classis.....		42 00
Oct. 14.	" " "	Schuylkill Classis.....		17 00
Oct. 15.	" " "	Poto. Syn., G. N. Forney, Treas		125 41
Nov. 5.	" " "	Dan'l Schafner, Treas. Synod		18 00
Dec. 30.	" " "	Scuyl. Class. Treas. Syn. $1 00		
Dec. 30.	" " "	Readi'g Class. Treas. Syn. 3 00		4 00
1898.				
Apr. 25.	" " "	Pittsburgh Synod, elocution..		75 00
May 13.	" " "	John J. Nissley, Treas. E. S..		52 05
May 14.	" " "	Goshenhop'n Classis Sem'y Aid		26 53
May 17.	" " "	Tohickon Classis.....		41 00
May 18.	" " "	Lancaster Classis.....		40 20
May 23.	" " "	Pittsburgh Synod, per Treas..		100 00
May 26.	" " "	Potomac Synod, per Treas....		202 39
May 28.	" " "	E. Sus. Class. Sem'y Aid $28 60		
May 28.	" " "	E. Sus. Class., Elocution 50		
May 28.	" " "	E. Sus. Class., int. acct 8 75		37 85
Sept. 8.	" " "	John J. Nissley, Treas. E. Syn.		92 38
				$890 81

Sept. 26. Transferred and charged to Treasurer in his current expense account to Oct. 1, 1898.

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

DR.

1897. Oct.	1.	To balance due Fund to date.....		$ 137 27
1898. Oct.	1.	" interest due Fund to date.....		65 99
				$203 26
1897. Dec.	9.	By order paid P. S. Leinbach, Libn.	$12 68	
1898. Jan.	22.	" " "	26 34	
Feb.	9.	" " "	17 33	
Apr.	6.	" " "	5 42	
May	13.	" " "	7 73	
June	7.	" S. H. Zahm & Co....	11 75	
		By balance due Fund to Oct. 1, 1898	122 01	
				$ 203 26
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund is.....	$ 122 01	

Smalts Fund Account.

1897. Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is.....		$5,000 00

DR.

1898. Oct.	1.	For interest received to date.....	$250 00	

CR.

Oct.	1.	By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board..	$250 00	

William A. Wilt Fund.

		Amount of Fund is.....		$833 33
1898. Oct.	1.	For interest on same to date.....	$41 66	
		and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.		

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

1897. Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is.....		$2,000 75

DR.

Oct.	1.	By balance due fund.....	$ 16 95	
1898. May	1.	" interest due and paid to date....	100 00	
				$116 95

CR.

May	12.	By prize paid W. D. Stoyer.....	$50 00	
May	12.	" " Paul S. Leinbach....	50 00	
May	12.	" sundry expenses paid.....	2 00	
				102 00
May	1.	Balance due Fund.....		$14 95

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

		Amount of Fund is.....		$410 47
1897. May	9.	For interest due to May 9, 1898....	$20 50	
		Cr.		
1898. May	12.	By cash prize paid..... $20 00		
		" paid expenses..... 50		
			$20 50	

Jacob Forney Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

		Amount of Fund is.....		$1,000 00
		Dr.		
1897.		For balance due to Oct. 1, 1897....	$150 00	
		" interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1898	50 00	
				$200 00
		Cr.		
Oct.	18.	By cash paid per order.....	$10 00	
Dec.	9.	" "	2 00	
1898. Jan.	22.	" "	37 95	
Apr.	6.	" "	3 40	
June	16.	" " Talmud Pub. Co....	2 50	
				$55 85
		To Oct. 1, 1898.....		$144 15

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove in Library.

Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	$750 00
Oct.	1.	Add interest due to Oct. 1, 1897, to principal....	72 50
Dec.	4.	Received of Rev. J. C. Bowman for principal...	40 00
1898. Apr.	2.	" " " ..	60 00
Oct.	1.	Interest on $750 allowed to date for principal....	37 50
Oct.	1.	Total of Fund.....	$960 00

Henry Wirt Fund. Alcove in Seminary Library.

		Amount of principal is.....		$1,000 00
Oct.	1.	For interest due on same to date....	$100 00	
1898. Oct.	1.	" " "	50 00	
				$150 00
Oct.	19.	By amount expended for additions to Alcove by Rev. J. C. Bowman.....		46 67
1898. Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund.....		$103 33

Seminary Class 1894. Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

		Amount of notes in Treasurer's hands July 1, 1895, as principal		$981 00
Oct.	1.	Amount of notes paid to date		217 00
				$764 00
1898. Oct.	1.	Sundry notes paid to date		43 00
Oct.	1.	Notes in hands of Treasurer		$721 00
		By interest on $200 from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898	$10 00	

The John Riegel Fund.

		Principal of notes given, payable without int.		$15,680 00
		Cr.		
		By note paid July 20, 1895	$3,920 00	
		" " " 1896	3,920 00	
		" " " 1897	3,920 00	
1898. July	20.	" " " 1898	3,920 00	
				$15,680 00

Notes all paid and interest received on Fund to Oct. 1, 1898, accounted for in the current expense account of the Treasurer.

Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund to date	$29,623 19
		Received additional to Sept. 15, 1898	241 45
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	$29,846 64
		Dr.	
		For interests received from Oct. 1, 1897, to Sept. 13, 1898	$1,646 13
		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., to Sept. 13, 1898, as per his receipts	$1,646 13

SPECIAL.

Seminary Grounds and Building Account.

John D. Skiles and John B. Roth, Committee.
To John B. Roth, Treasurer.

1898.		Dr.	
Mar.	21.	For amount paid John W. Musser for grading and removing embankment on Pine street opened through Seminary property as per requirements of city ordinance	$198 79
Apr.	9.	For filling in ground on Lemon street	12 54
Apr.	12.	" sodding embankment on Pine street	85 20
Apr.	26.	" Jacob Pontz, brick bill	28 00
Apr.	26.	" Chas. Kahl, work done	10 35
May	5.	" filling in ground on College Avenue	26 25
May	7.	" Chas. Kahl, work done	2 50

May 14.	" grading and terracing on College Avenue	$10 00	
May 28.	For grading and terracing on College Avenue in full	40 00	
			50 00
May 17.	For Chas. Kahl, work done		2 10
May 24.	" bill for horse lawn-mower for use on Seminary grounds and freight on same		63 03
May 28.	For Daniel Boas, bill for sodding on College Avenue		28 20
July 1.	For bill for painting at Professors' houses		19 00
July 21.	" Filling in on Seminary grounds		3 75
July 26.	" C. B. Landis, making fences		15 00
Aug. 13.	" Brown and Andrews, work		2 25
Sept. 1.	" ploughing, seeding and leveling Seminary grounds		16 60
Sept. 9.	For B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill		56 01
Sept. 10.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., hardware		14 81
Sept. 12.	" D. H. Miller, bill putting in bath tubs, water closets and drains in houses occupied by Thos. G. Apple, D.D., and E. V. Gerhart, D.D., as per orders of Seminary Board		250 86
			$885 24

Statement of Funds in Hands of Treasurer.

Endowment Fund	$ 91,892 70
Library Fund	1,819 96
Smaltz Fund	5,000 00
Wilt, Wm. A., Fund	833 33
Schaff Prize Fund in Church History	2,000 75
Rhetoric, Sacred, Fund	410 47
Riegel, John, Fund	15,680 00
Forney, Jacob, Fund, Alcove	1,000 00
Wirt, Henry, Fund	1,000 00
Bowman, Rev. J. C., Fund, Trust Alcove	960 00
Seminary Class, 1894, Fund	981 00
Pittsburgh, Prof. Fund	29,864 64
	$151,442 85

Statement of Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary.

1897. DR.

Oct. 1.	For amount of Endowment Fund	$94,718 69
1898.		
June 22.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as purchase money for fifty feet of ground on College avenue, as per action of Seminary Board had May 12, 1898, for	1 00
		$94,719 69

1898.		Cr.		
Feb.	16.	By authority of the Board of Trustees the following deductions are made, viz:		
		Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. L. Strohm and wife.....	$2,033 19	
		Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. R. A. Richardson and wife.....	543 80	
		Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. Isaac Fink	250 00	
				$2,826 99
1898.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Endowment Fund.....		$91,892 70

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to examine and audit the several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we have done so and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Sept. 30, 1898.

(b).—Report of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1897-1898.

1. The institution was opened September 9th, 1897, and was conducted without serious interruption during the entire seminary year.

2. The following persons, eight of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, were admitted to the Junior Class: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, A. K. Faust, C. T. Isenberger, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Total, 11.

3. The Middle Class consists of those who in May, 1897, were reported as members of the Junior Class, except that William D. Yearick was admitted on certificate from the School of Theology of the Moravian Church, and Robert F. Reed took his certificate of dismission to Union Theological Seminary, New York. Total, 17.

4. At the end of their middle year Edwin M. Hartman and Thaddeus G. Helm, of the graduating class, were chosen by F. and M. College to take charge of the Academy. At the

opening of the current year Thomas M. Bickel, who graduated from F. and M. College in '95, was admitted to the Senior Class on certificate from the Theological Seminary of the Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.

The following are members of the Senior Class: A. O. Bartholomew, T. L. Bickel, L. M. Fetterolf, G. W. Hartman, P. S. Leinbach, G. R. Poetter, M. E. Schadt, D. E. Schaeffer, F. C. Seitz, W. D. Stoyer, V. J. Tingler. Total, 11. These all passed approved examinations and were granted the regular testimonials.

5. Rev. J. V. George, Reading, Pa., completed the post-graduate course of study, and was recommended, by the College Faculty, to the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This recommendation was favorably considered and the degree conferred.

6. The services of Claude B. Davis, A. M., Professor of Oratory in the University of Wooster, Ohio, were secured for the department of elocution during the Winter term. His method of instruction was entirely satisfactory, and the Faculty was authorized to employ him for another year.

7. Three courses of lectures by others than Seminary Professors were arranged by the Faculty. Each course consisted of three lectures, which were delivered by Rev. D. B. Schneder, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Weber. The board reiterated its action of last year on this subject.

8. The tone of spiritual and moral life pervading the body of the students was good, as was also the average grade of the students. No case of serious discipline occurred. The grade of a few students was below good, and called for the following action:

> "Resolved that the Faculty be requested to call the attention of those students who are below the average grade of their respective classes to the fact, and urge them to renewed application."

9. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., the honored and efficient President of the Board, was called to his rest on April 18th, 1898, after a brief illness. His valuable services for the Church

in various departments of work are so well known, and have already received public recognition, that it only remains for us to record the fact of his departure, our appreciation of his labors and our spiritual joy over the victory of his faith. Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., was elected to fill his place.

10. It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D., which occurred on September 17th, 1898. Although the health of Dr. Apple had been impaired several years ago he was better able to attend to his seminary duties during the past year, than during the previous one. It was, however, the last effort of a long, laborious and successful service; and shortly after the opening of this Fall term it became evident that we should lose the labors, if not the presence, of one who by his Christian character and friendly disposition had won the confidence and love, as by his profound thought, clear reasoning and loyalty to truth he had commanded the admiration of those who knew him. The action of the board on the death of Dr. Apple has been published.

Your attention is respectfully called to the vacancy which exists in the chair of Church History and to that clause in the charter which gives to the Eastern Synod the election of a successor, subject to the approval of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods.

11. At a special meeting held September 20th the board requested the Faculty of the Seminary to take up and carry forward Dr. Apple's work in such way as they are best able to do so, until his successor is chosen and enters upon his work.

12. The terms of the following members expire: Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., Rev. J.P. Stein, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D.

13. Your reverend body is respectfully overturned to vote to the Board of Trustees one hundred and twenty-five ($125) dollars to pay for instruction in elocution, and sixty ($60) dollars to defray the expense incident to a supplementary course of lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

HARRISBURG, PA., September 23, 1898.

(c).—Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The Board of Education organized for the current year by electing the following officers: Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., President, Allentown, Pa. Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, Secretary, Lancaster, Pa. John Hertzler, Treasurer, Lancaster, Pa.

During the last year the Board was able with the funds at its disposal to *aid seven students* for the Ministry; and during the current year it is aiding *six*.

On February 7, 1898, the Board secured through the Courts of Common Pleas in and for Lancaster County an amendment to its charter, inserting the word "Eastern" before the word "Synod" in the title of the Board, thus making the title of the Board conform exactly to that of the Synod.

Within the year moneys given in aid were refunded by former students for the ministry, Edward J. Durban, $200; and Rev. G. D. Gurley, $25; and contributions were received from Rev. H. Rust, D.D., $15, and T. Park Bucher, $5; total, $245.

By will admitted to probate Sept. 29, 1892, the late Wm. H. Seibert, an elder of the Second Church, Harrisburg, Pa., and a devoted member of the Church, given to good works, bequeathed to the Board a farm situated near Dillsburg, Carroll Township, York County, Pa. The Board was to have come into possession of the farm after the expiration of ten years; but early in this year, after conference with the heirs, it was agreed for the protection of the interests both of the Board and the heirs, that the farm should be sold. In accordance with this agreement the farm was sold at public sale on Sept. 3, for $2,000. The Board will receive three-fourths of the proceeds of the sale, less its proportionate share of the expenses.

The Classes of Lancaster, Lehigh and Tohickon have adopted the recommendation of your reverend body, made one year ago, to the Classes of Synod that they become auxiliary to the Board of Education by paying the appropriations to the students for the ministry aided by them through the treasury of the Board and in accordance with its rules. Some of the Classes are still considering your recommendation. It

would be well if in time all the Classes would adopt the recommendation, and thus secure not only uniformity but also greater efficiency in the management of the cause of Beneficiary Education.

A copy of the Treasurer's annual report is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. LICHLITER,

Secretary of the Board of Education.

LANCASTER, PA., October 18, 1898.

Treasurer's Report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, May 11, 1897, to May 10, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand	$ 9 96	
Fisher estate dividend of 4 and 17-100 per cent	217 28	
Interest and dividends on investments	382 50	
Collections and contributions	245 00	
Church collections	195 73	
Fisher estate dividend of 30 per cent	1,563 16	
		$2,613 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. Fisher, over-payment on Treasurer's Account	$ 95 60	
Beneficiaries	1,098 34	
Wm. F. Lichliter, allowance for back work	100 00	
" " salary	50 00	
Appel & Appel, attorneys and expenses	24 50	
Traveling expenses, board meetings	13 61	
Expense for books, etc	57 43	
Balance	1,174 15	
		$2,613 63

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. HERTZLER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct as stated, with a balance of $1,174.15 in the treasury.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
J. E. HIESTER.

Lancaster, Pa., May 12, 1898.

(d).—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

The members of the graduating class, fifty-six in number, as printed in the catalogue, having completed their course of study and successfully passed their final examinations, received the degree of A. B., from the Board of Trustees.

The following graduates of the college received the degree of A. M. in course: Rev. George P. Stem, class of '86, Edwin M. Hartman, class of '95, Thaddeus G. Helm, class of '95, and G. Frank Wetzel, class of '95.

Upon the recommendation of the Faculty and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B. D. was conferred on the Rev. Jonathan V. George.

The Rev. K. Otis Spessard, after the completion of a course of non-resident study, and approved examinations in the same, received the degree of Ph.D.

The degree of Ph.D., for meritorious work and scholastic attainments, was conferred upon Dr. George G. Groff, of Bucknell University, and Prof. Felix Schelling, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The degree of D.D., was conferred on the Revs. Jonathan H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., John F. De Long, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Allen R. Bartholomew, of Pottsville, Pa.

The condition of the college during the past year has been eminently satisfactory. The attendance has been unusually large, the enrollment, as given in the catalogue, including two graduates and thirteen special students, being 185, and the graduating class numbering 56, or 22 more than any other class in the history of the college, up to the present time. This, of course, was exceptional, and the number this year will be somewhat smaller. Fifty-one new students have been admitted to the college, and the actual attendance since the beginning of the present term, is one hundred and sixty. Two sad cases of death have occurred in the student body. Mr. Eugene Bobb, who was doing graduate work and rendering assistance in the Scientific Department, died of pneumonia on Friday, May 20. He was a promising young man, and his death called forth general sympathy and sorrow in the college community. At the beginning of the present year, Mr. Frank McCullough, a member of the Sophomore class, another bright and exemplary young man, passed away from our midst.

During the past year the Board of Trustees lost four of its members by death: The Hon. Harrison P. Laird, LL.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod, Messrs. John C. Hager, of Lancaster, Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, of the Eastern Synod, and the Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., of the Potomac Synod. The vacancies thus occasioned were filled, according to the provision of the charter by the Board of Trustees at its late meet-

ing, by the appointment of John E. Kunkle, Esq., of Greensburg; Mr. W. H. Hager, of Lancaster; Mr. W. M. Hardt, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. A. S. Weber, of Baltimore. Since the beginning of the present year another vacancy has been caused by the death of Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., which it will also be the province of the board to fill in due time. The term of service of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., and John W. Bickel, Esq., expires this year and it will devolve upon the Eastern Synod to elect their successors.

Profs. A. V. Hiester and C. Nevin Heller, who had obtained leave of absence for the purpose of further study at Columbia and Cornell Universities, and whose places had been meanwhile acceptably filled by Messrs. S. W. Kerr and Ambrose Cort, have returned to the college and entered upon the discharge of the duties of their respective departments. Prof. Claude B. Davis last year gave a very successful course of instruction in elocution and oratory, and the college authorities were so fortunate as to secure his services again for the present year. It will be seen, therefore, that all the departments of instruction are filled by able, experienced, successful teachers.

The college is to be congratulated upon the completion of the new Watts de Peyster Library, and the opening of the same for the use of the college. Arrangements have been made to have the Library and Reading Room open to professors and students every day except Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening, and thus the facilities afforded by these accessories to college work will be greatly increased and their value enhanced. The college Herbarium and the Museum of the Linnaean Society have been removed from the Academy to the main College building. Room has been made in this way for meeting the increased needs of the Academy, and greater facility is afforded for the use of these valuable adjuncts in the regular work of the college.

The present healthy and prosperous condition of the Academy is especially noteworthy and is by no means the least of the encouraging features which the college situation presents. The work of the last year was thoroughly satisfactory, and this year there is a large influx of new students. The ex-

cellent accommodations and the thorough instruction are having their natural effect, and the future of this institution, both in its own line of work and as a feeder of the college, is full of promise. There are now seventy-four or seventy-five students in attendance, and the large building is well filled.

It would be pleasant if the finances of the college could be spoken of with equal hope and confidence. In some respects there is room for congratulation. The invested funds of the college have been increased during the year from $170,975 to $174,350. The actual income and expenditure for the year also present a more favorable showing than was anticipated. There was a larger outlay for salaries than during the previous year, and there were extraordinary expenses connected with the removal of the library and the erection of the de Peyster statue. A deficit was, therefore expected. It is found that the expenditures were in excess of the receipts by $1,941.04, with a few unpaid bills that came in too late to be included. A larger deficit was looked for, and the outcome affords a sense of relief.

But so far as the endowment of the college is concerned and the obtaining of means for the prosecution of its work on a scale commensurate with the opportunities and demands which the present condition of the college carries with it, the result of the past year's labor is far from satisfactory. It is true, the endowment has been somewhat increased, and the subscriptions toward the erection of the greatly needed scientific building have been accumulating. But while the financial secretary has been faithful, diligent and persistent, and has in many respects done excellent work, the result of his labors, in dollars and cents, is not even remotely what we had a right to expect. Time and again the door was shut against him, and he was not permitted to canvass the congregations of the synods, either because other interests seemed to preoccupy the ground, or because the times were not auspicious. It is to be hoped that this state of things will not continue. The college has earned for itself the good will and confidence of the church and secured the patronage of a large public. But good will and kindly feeling are not enough. To say: "Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled," will not feed the hungry or clothe the

naked. So it is not enough to say: "The college ought to be endowed, I hope you will succeed." The situation demands action, prompt, vigorous action. Let the way be opened for an energetic canvass after due preparation in the different classes so that funds may be secured, whether in large or small amounts, to swell the endowment, and provide for the pressing needs of the hour. Let speedy provision be made for the erection of the Science building upon the coming of which the future prosperity of the college so largely depends, and let the endowment grow from year to year to keep abreast with the needs of larger classes and fuller courses of study. Either this must be done, or else the college must contract its operations and lose the vantage ground which it has gained by earnest, patient labor and the signal blessing of a gracious and favoring Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President F. & M. College.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 4, 1898.

II.—Report of Committee on College and Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to present the following report:

Papers as follows were placed in our hands: (1) The Report of the Board of Visitors. (2) The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. (3) The Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. (4) The Report of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod. (5) The Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of that Institution.

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, we learn that the work of the institution was carried forward during the Seminary year without any serious interruption. That thirty-nine are in attendance, viz: Eleven in Junior Class, seventeen in the Middle and eleven in the Senior Class. The moral and spiritual life of the students is reported as being good; no case of serious discipline

has occurred. The grade of a few students was not satisfactory, and the Faculty urged renewed application. The services of a special instructor in elocution were secured, also three courses of three lectures each were delivered by ministers of the Church. The Board repeats its demand for financial aid for the support of a teacher of elocution, viz., $125, and $60 for the special courses of lectures. The death of Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., President of the Board of Visitors, and that of the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., is properly noticed. Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D., was elected to fill the place of Dr. Miller and the attention of Synod is called to the vacancy of the chair of Church History. By special action of the Faculty this chair is temporarily filled.

From the Report of the Board of Trustees we learn that two regular and one special meetings were held during the year. At the special meeting, held Feb. 1st, 1898, a proposition was received from Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. Dr. John J. Swander, Tiffin, Ohio, to give to the Board securities amounting to $12,000.00, which amount will be fully available at the death of the doners. For this beneficent offer the Board returns its thanks.

Further, we learn that the Board realized out of the Kansas Investment $2,826.99 less than the original investment.

The officers of the Board are President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth; Secretary, Jer. S. Hess.

Further, that the Board of Trustees conveyed in fee simple for the sum of one dollar, fifty feet of ground to the authorities of F. and M. College, for the De Peyster Library Building. The Board respectfully requests Synod to consider the question of paying the necessary expenses of the members of this Board, in their attendance upon the meetings.

Further, there is asked the usual $1,200 for current expenses of the Seminary, and $900 of extraordinary expense is reported for the year, for which it asks Synod to make provision in the following ratio, to wit: Eastern Synod, $1,050; Pittsburg Synod, $350; Potomac Synod, $700.

The terms of office of John J. Nissley, Martin J. Riegel and John B. Roth expire in 1898.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn that the receipts during the past year were $6,143.34; expenditures, $11,092.10. Balance due Treasurer, $4,948.76.

From the Treasurer's Report of the Board of Education we learn that the receipts for the past year were $2,613.63. The disbursements, $1,439.58. Balance in Treasury, $1,174.15.

The Report of the President of F. and M. College and the catalogue of the institution give proof that this institution is in general, in a very prosperous condition. The attendance has been unusually large. Fifty new students have been admitted, and the actual attendance now is 160. Two sad deaths have occurred; that of Eugene Bobb is specially lamented. The Board of Trustees lost four of its members, whose places were filled according to the provision of the charter. Two of the professors, absent by permission for a time, have again returned to their posts of duty.

Special instruction in elocution was given; all the departments of instruction are filled by able, experienced and successful teachers. The magnificent De Peyster Library building is now occupied and its rooms are open to professors and students every day—Sundays excepted.

Special attention is called to the unusually prosperous condition of the Academy. There are now 75 students in attendance.

As to the finances of the College the report is not as hopeful and assuring as might be desired. To the endowment fund $3,325 were added. The causes assigned for no better results to all efforts made are, that the doors for entrance into charges, by the financial agent, were again and again closed. and because other special interests are now claiming the attention of the Church. It is keenly felt that the church has not responded to the demands of the College, as the necessities call for, and prompt and vigorous action is urged. There were a few special and large expenditures, making an outlav of $1,941.04 in excess of the income. Subscriptions towards the erection of the science building have been received and

it is hoped that this project will receive the hearty support of the church as demanded by the institution and the age.

In view of all the facts presented your committee respectfully offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we acknowledge with unfeigned thanks the blessing of the Great Head of the Church upon all our institutions.

Resolved, 2. That the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College should now claim the first consideration of the Church within the bounds of the three Synods specially interested, that greater activity be put forth by all those appointed to prosecute work and that the pastors be requested to open the way and prepare the charges for this purpose.

Resolved, 3. That the demands for the erection of the science building be specially heeded to meet the now crying wants of the scientific department.

Resolved, 4. That Synod assumes the $125 asked for by the Theological Seminary, for instruction in elocution and $60 for special lectures.

Resolved, 5. That this Synod assumes its proportion of the aforenamed Seminary expenses, viz: $1,050.

Resolved, 6. That hereafter Synod bears the necessary expenses of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in their attendance upon its meetings.

Resolved, 7. That this Synod learns with joy the beneficent provision made by Mrs. Barbara Swander and Dr. J. I. Swander in putting the Theological Seminary in possession of a future gift of $12,000.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DENGLER, Chairman.

C. S. WIEAND, WM. MOYER,

L. D. STECKEL, D. V. R. LUDWIG.

This report was presented during the session on Monday, acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary of Eastern Synod.

For six years: John W. Apple, Esq., Lancaster, Pa.; John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.

For four years: Geo. G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Ier. S. Hess, Hellerstown, Pa.; Geo. L. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.

For two years: Jacob Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary of Eastern Synod.

For four years: Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Prof. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

For two years: Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.:—

Members Elected on the Board of Trustees of F. and M. College.

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., Reading, Pa., and J. W. Bickel, Esq., Norristown, Pa.

(a).—Report on the Further Endowment of F. and M. College.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN:—Your committee on the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, respectfully reports that several meetings were held during the year, to devise ways and means by which to accomplish the purpose of our appointment. Efforts were made to enlist the hearty co-operation of the committees of the several Classes, and to open the way for the Field Secretary to secure contributions for the proposed Science Building.

The committee regrets to report that these efforts were not attended with large measures of success. This we think has been principally owing to the disturbed and uncertain business conditions, incidental to the war in which the country was involved. We take pleasure however in saying that the sum of $1,000 was secured toward the erection of this much-needed building from two members of Rev. Geo. B. Walbert's charge, and that one of our number is very hopeful that within the near future, a few men of large means, and who are deeply interested in our institutions at Lancaster, Pa., will contribute very liberally for this cause.

These things have somewhat encouraged your committee.

If we could have the hearty co-operation of all our pastors and elders, and then have an active, vigorous canvass of the entire field, by the Field Secretary, aided by the classical and synodical committees, the Science Building would soon be an actualized fact.

It may be that when the promising business outlook shall be realized in improved conditions and prosperity for the country, that then the Church will quickly respond, and furnish the means needed to properly carry forward her educational interests. Meanwhile your committee will gratefully accept any suggestions from this Synod that may be helpful in attaining the purpose of our appointment.

Two vacancies exist in the membership of the committee, due to the removal of Rev. J. G. Dengler from Tohickon Classis, and Rev. Warren J. Johnson, from Lebanon Classis. These places the Synod ought to fill so that all the Classis may have representatives in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*

Reading, Pa., Oct. 21, 1898.

This report was adopted and the committee continued. The vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. J. G. Dengler from Tohickon Classis was filled by the appointment of Rev. David Scheirer, South Bethlehem, Pa., and that occasioned by the removal of Rev. Warren J. Johnson from Lebanon Classis by the appointment of Rev. Adam J. Bachman, of Schaefferstown, Pa.

(b).—Election of a Professor in Church History.

In the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary read on Thursday morning Synod was officially informed of the vacancy in the Professorship of Church History, occasioned by the death of Dr. Thos. G. Apple; whereupon a committee on nomination was appointed, consisting of Revs. Dr. B. Bausman, W. F. More, F. W. Brown, Elders C. C. Leader, and A. B. Dundor, who presented the following report:

Your committee in its effort to attend to the work assigned to it, had under consideration the names of a number of persons any one of whom possesses to a marked degree, the

qualifications required to fill the important chair of Church History. After much discussion and earnest deliberation, it finally and unanimously reached the conclusions embodied in the following report:

On October 25, 1844, this Synod inaugurated its first Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in its Theological Seminary, then located at Mercersburg, Pa. On next Tuesday it will be fifty-four years since these inaugural services were held in the First Reformed Church of this city. The year before the Synod had sent two commissioners to Germany, to present a call to Dr. F. W. Krummacher to this professorship. After much prayer he felt constrained to decline the call.

In their embarrassing disappointment the commissioners then sought counsel with Neander, "the father of modern Church History," Hengstenberg, Julius Müller, Tholuck and F. W. Krummacher. Instead of recommending one of the older theologians in Germany, whose writings had made him authority in scientific authorship they with one consent urged for the position a young privat Docent in the University of Berlin. Thus it happened that instead of sending us its greatest pulpit orator, at 50 years of age, Germany sent us Philip Schaff, then but 25 years old. The wisdom of their choice is recognized by the judgment of universal Christendom.

It is no easy matter to find a worthy successor to Dr. Philip Schaff and Dr. Thomas G. Apple. Fortunately through their efficient labors a number of others have been trained and qualified for the office of instructors in the department of Church History. In selecting a nominee your Committee considered it wise to follow the example of our great friends of fifty years ago, and select one of our younger men, although five years older than was Dr. Schaff in 1844. This brother is a son of the Reformed Church, whose high standing for scholarship and deportment won for him the universal commendation of his instructors in the College and Seminary; who, during the eight years of his ministry has developed remarkable power as a preacher and marked efficiency as a pastor; who in his spoken and published productions has shown an extraor-

dinary breadth of scholarship and a masterly grasp of great questions; whose loyalty to the person of Christ and His Church, as well as to his Mother Church, is beyond question; whose character stands for the best type of Christian manhood. The foregoing qualities are combined in the person of the Rev. George W. Richards, pastor of Salem Reformed Church, of Allentown, Pa., who is hereby nominated as a candidate for the Chair of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Praying that the Holy Spirit may guide the Synod in electing a man of His divine choice, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN,

WILSON F. MORE, A. B. DUNDOR.

F. W. BROWN, C. C. LEADER,

During the discussion of the report the following action was taken:

On motion it was resolved that Synod now proceed to make additional nominations to fill the vacancy in the Professorship of Church History.

It was further resolved that nominations be received, without discussing the merits of the candidates. This however shall not prevent persons nominating from making a statement of the qualifications of the nominees they may wish to offer.

Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Sechler nominated Dr. H. M. Kieffer, of Easton, Pa.; Dr. J. H. Pannebecker nominated Dr. Jos. H. Dubbs, of Lancaster, Pa.; Jno. W. Apple, Esq., nominated Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer, of Chambersburg, Pa.; and Dr. Jno. M. Titzel nominated Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, of Hagerstown, Md. Each of the nominations was duly seconded and the report of the special committee on nominations with these additional nominations was adopted.

A motion was adopted making the election the order of the day on Saturday at 10 A. M. It was further resolved, that if there be no election on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken, and if there be still no election, then all the names, except the two having the highest number of votes shall be dropped, and then a third ballot shall be taken.

When the hour arrived for the election Synod engaged in devotional services for thirty minutes.

The Hymns Nos. 433, 200, 326 and 414 in the Church Hymnal were sung and Synod was led during the intervals in prayer by Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. John H. Sechler, Rev. Milton H. Sangree and Dr. B. Bausman.

At the close of these services the President appointed Revs. J. Rauch Stein, Thos. W. Dickert, L. M. Fetterolf and J. Stewart Hartman as tellers, who distributed the tickets, and at the calling of the roll, collected the ballot and reported the results to the President, who declared that Rev. Geo. W. Richards was elected on the first ballot. A motion was made and adopted declaring the election to be unanimous.

On motion it was resolved that the Stated Clerk of Synod be and hereby is directed to give official notice to the Synod of Pittsburg and the Synod of the Potomac of the election of Rev. Geo. W. Richards as Professor of Church History in Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Resolved, further, that as soon as the officers have officially learned that the other Synods have ratified the election, then the officers of Synod be and hereby are directed to issue the call in proper form to the Professor-elect. According to instruction the President appointed Revs. C. S. Gerhard, Wilson F. More and Milton H. Sangree to attend to the inauguration of the Professor-elect. On motion it was resolved to recommend to the Synod of Pittsburg and the Synod of Potomac, that each Synod appoint an additional member on the committee to inaugurate the Professor-elect as soon as his election is duly ratified.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: According to the law and custom of the Board, every fourth year there is a reorganization of this body for a new term of the Compact. This reorganization took place at Harrisburg, Pa., April 12th, 1898. The members of the Board from the Eastern Synod were Rev. Dr. E. N. Kre-

mer, Elder John J. Nissley, Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. T. O. Stem, Elder C. M. Bower and Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh; and those from the Synod of the Potomac were, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, Rev. Dr. C. Clever, Rev. J. F. Moyer, Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Rev. C. A. Santee and Rev. E. R. Deatrick.

The Board was organized as follows: President, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller; Secretary, Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley. To these were added Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. J. F. Moyer and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, to constitute the Executive Council, with Supt. A. C. Whitmer as a member *ex-officio*.

But alas for human plans! In three weeks' time the Board was called together in special session to elect a successor to President Miller, who died soon after the annual meeting. His sudden death was a shock to all, and the Board keenly felt the bereavement. For twenty-five years he was the honored head of this body; and it is a noteworthy fact that in all these years he was seldom absent from a meeting, the more remarkable because he was on many Boards. As a consequence he had an immense fund of information as to its work; and his hopeful disposition was an inspiration in many an hour of discouragement. Thus, now have passed away the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board as organized in 1873.

At the aforementioned special session, the Board elected Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins to succeed Dr. Miller as President.

During the past year the Executive Council met quarterly, and much routine business was transacted. The missions under its advisory care have received needful attention, and careful disposal has been made of moneys received. Of course all the money received on the apportionment for missions and church-building was promptly paid to the General Board. The report of Treasurer Nissley, which is part of this report, gives details which need not be here repeated. You will notice that the income from the two Synods is somewhat larger than last year, and that one legacy is reported, $190 from the estate of Miss Elizabeth Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa.

It is a pleasure to report that four missions within our bounds went off the roll, in April last, namely, Woodberry Md.,

St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Luke's, Lancaster, Pa., and Trinity, Allentown, Pa.; but it is equally painful to state that for want of funds the Board has not been able to secure the enrollment of several important fields.

With the earnest prayer that God may greatly prosper the work and awaken throughout the Church still greater interest therein, the Board respectfully submits its report.

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent.*

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Contingent Fund, General Synod.

DR.

Wyoming Classis	$ 54 00	
Lehigh Classis	250 00	
Lebanon Classis	148 72	
East Susquehanna Classis	57 69	
Schuylkill Classis	27 00	
Philadelphia Classis	81 86	
West Susquehanna Classis	66 94	
Goshenhoppen Classis	16 70	$702 91

CR.

Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod	$702 91

Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod.

1898. DR.

Jan. 18. To balance from Daniel Schaffner, former Treas.		$579 80
Philadelphia Classis	$70 00	
Wyoming Classis	83 08	
East Susquehanna Classis	17 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	2 26	
West Susquehanna Classis	37 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	60 60	
Reading Classis	54 00	
Lancaster Classis	39 60	
Schuylkill Classis	46 00	
Lehigh Classis	81 60	
Tohickon Classis	50 40	$541 54
		$1,121 34

Paid traveling expenses, Rev. T. O. Stem	$1 88
" " " Daniel Schaffner	1 78
" " " J. J. Nissley	1 78
" members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:	
Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D	9 10
" S. G. Wagner, D.D	2 34
" Ellis N. Kremer, D.D	2 25
" Thos. C. Porter, D.D	5 50
" J. E. Hiester, D.D	1 25
" J. P. Stein	1 75

Cr.

1898.		
Oct. 18. Balance in Treasury	1,093 71	$1,121 34

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

Dr.

1898.		
Jan. 12. To balance from D. Schaffner, former Treasurer Cooke Legacy		$1,200 00
A. and L. Mountz, 12 mos. int. Keiffer Legacy	225 00	
J. J. Bishop, 12 mos. int. Keiffer Legacy	250 00	
Henry Alleman, 12 mos. int. Gerhart Legacy	18 00	
Hummelstown Nat. Bank, int. Cooke Legacy	36 00	
S. S. Shenk and sisters, int. Cooke Legacy	30 00	$559 00
		$1,759 00
Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treas. Foreign Missions, int. Gerhart Legacy	$ 6 00	
Paid Jno. Hertzler, Treas. Board of Education, int. Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions, int. Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Sem'y, int. Keiffer Legacy	475 00	
Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Sem'y, int. Cooke Legacy	36 00	
Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Sem'y, int. Cooke Legacy	30 00	
Paid loan to S. S. Shenk and sisters on mortg. Cook Legacy	1,200 00	$1,759 00

Home Missions.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,334 50	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,060 46	
Tohickon Classis	1,021 24	
East Pennsylvania Classis		
Lebanon Classis	876 49	
Lancaster Classis	784 69	
Schuylkill Classis	778 18	
East Susquehanna Classis	400 67	
West Susquehanna Classis	856 91	
Lehigh Classis	868 89	
Wyoming Classis	443 86	
Reading Classis	1,347 30	$9,773 19

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$9,773 19

Hungarian Missions.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis	$122 00
East Susquehanna Classis	112 31
West Susquehanna Classis	96 00
Wyoming Classis	81 95

Goshenhoppen Classis	113 54	
East Pennsylvania Classis	108 00	
Reading Classis	199 05	
Lancaster Classis	116 62	
Schuylkill Classis	85 00	
Lebanon Classis	118 99	
Lehigh Classis	146 00	$1,299 46

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$1,299 46

Harbor Missions.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis	$25 13	
East Susquehanna Classis	20 97	
West Susquehanna Classis	27 00	
Wyoming Classis	14 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	19 00	
Reading Classis	36 00	
Lancaster Classis	22 95	
Schuylkill Classis	12 00	
Lebanon Classis	22 35	
Lehigh Classis	37 00	
Tohickon Classis	36 00	$272 40

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$272 40

German Mission Work.

Dr.

East Pennsylvania Classis	$ 80 00	
Reading Classis	128 00	
Lancaster Classis	100 66	
Schuylkill Classis	22 00	
Lebanon Classis	99 15	
Tohickon Classis	135 45	$565 26

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$565 26

Calvin College.

Dr.

Wyoming Classis	17 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	16 56	
West Susquehanna Classis	19 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	8 00	
Reading Classis	31 00	
Lancaster Classis	14 90	
Schuylkill Classis	1 65	
Lebanon Classis	16 94	
Lehigh Classis	24 00	$149 05

Cr.

Paid Rev. H. J. Reutenick, D.D.	$149 05

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

DR.

Reading Classis	$79 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	36 26	
Wyoming Classis	42 47	
Tohickon Classis	57 00	
Lancaster Classis	40 20	
Lebanon Classis	41 23	
Schuylkill Classis	30 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	54 00	$380 16

CR.

Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer	$380 16

Church Building.

DR.

Tohickon Classis	$142 07	
Goshenhoppen Classis	125 02	
Lancaster Classis	94 76	
Lebanon Classis	118 13	
Reading Classis	195 75	
West Susquehanna Classis	154 00	
Schuylkill Classis	42 38	$872 11

CR.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions	$872 11

Allentown College for Women.

1898. DR.

Jan. 12.	To balance from D. Schaffner, former Treasurer		$800 65
From	Mifflinburg charge	$13 00	
"	White Deer charge	15 75	
"	Church of the Ascension, Norristown	20 00	
"	F. G. Hobson, Esq., Norristown	10 00	
"	Bethany charge, Lebanon Classis	4 00	
"	Harry Keller, Bellefonte	5 00	
"	Emanuel's Ref'd church, Hazleton, Pa	18 34	
"	Indian Creek congregation	71 70	
"	White Deer charge	28 00	
"	White Marsh congregation	100 30	
"	Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, Norristown	1 00	
"	David M. Clark, Quakertown	10 00	
"	W. H. Bring, Farmersville	10 00	
"	O. F. Schaeffer, Higgins, Schuylkill Co	5 00	
"	J. T. Dyer	100 00	
"	J. L. Barnhart	20 00	
"	D. H. Strelper	15 00	
"	C. F. Gerberich, Bellefonte	25 00	
"	Egypt charge, per Rev. Hofford	50 00	
"	Zion's charge, per Rev. Herman	25 00	
"	T. K. Kline, Salsburg	50 00	
"	Wm. H. Schneider, Swamp church	50 00	
"	S. L. Whitmore, Mifflinburg	100 00	
"	David Reichley	5 00	
"	H. S. Albright	50 00	
"	Rev. J. W. Knappenburger	290 00	
"	Enoch Miller	20 00	
"	Wm. Bromer, Schwenksville	100 00	
"	C. B. Weaver	55 45	$1,267 54
			$2,068 19

1898.	Cr.	
Oct. 18.	To balance in Treasury	$2,068 19

Legacy Account.

1898.	Dr.	
Jan. 12.	To amount received from Daniel Schaffner, former Treasurer, Christian Bender Legacy	$950 00

1898.	Cr.	
Oct.	To balance in Treasury	$950 00

Respectfully submitted,

Jno J. Nissley,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 1898.

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees to audit the within report, hereby certify that we have examined the report and receipts in the hands of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

Daniel Schaffner,
D. Nicholas Schaeffer,
Auditors.

II.—Report of the Treasurer.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Contingent Fund, General Synod.

1897.	Dr.		
Oct. 16.	Received from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis	$ 16 00	
Nov. 5.	Received from Elder Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas. E. Susquehanna Classis	48 65	
Dec. 7.	Received from Rev. O. H. Strunck, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	5 00	
Dec. 10.	Received from Elder D. B. Mauger Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	126 17	$195 82

1897.	Cr.	
Dec. 13.	Paid Christian G. Gross, Treas. General Synod	$195 82

Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod.

1897.	Dr.		
Oct. 14.	To balance in Treasury		$966 23
Oct. 16.	Received from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis	$10 00	
Nov. 3.	Received from Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis	84 00	
Dec. 10.	Received from Elder D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	45 33	$139 33
			$1,105 56

1897.		Cr.		
Oct.	18.	Paid Rev. T. O. Stem. traveling expenses to Reading	$1 88	
Oct.	18.	Paid Rev. T. C. Leinbach, traveling expenses to Reading	50	
Oct.	18.	Paid Daniel Schaffner, traveling expenses to Reading	1 78	
Oct.	26.	Paid Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., traveling expenses to E. Synod	4 00	
Oct.	28.	Paid Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, salary stated clerk	175 00	
Oct.	28.	Paid Rev. D. W. Ebbert for use church and stationery	30 00	
Dec.	13.	Paid "The New Era," Lancaster, Pa., for printing constitution	15 00	
Dec.	13.	Paid Reformed Ch. Publication Board, printing Minutes of Synod	254 00	
Dec.	13.	Paid Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, stated clerk, for bill of sundries	43 60	
1898.				
Jan.	12.	To balance in Treasury	579 80	$1,105 56

Home Missions.

1897.		Dr.		
		Reading Classis	$314 44	
		Lancaster Classis	628 61	
		West Susquehanna Classis	533 86	
		Lehigh Classis	544 94	
		East Susquehanna Classis	289 79	
		Lebanon Classis	289 83	
		Philadelphia Classis	298 52	
		Tohickon Classis	155 94	
		Goshenhoppen Classis	587 50	
		Wyoming Classis	207 21	
		East Pennsylvania Classis	600 00	
		Schuylkill Classis	81 00	$4,531 64
		Cr.		
		Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions		$4,531 64

German Mission Work.

1897.		Dr.		
Oct.	14.	To balance in Treasury	$21 00	
Dec.	31.	Received from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. Fast Penna. Classis	13 00	$34 00
1898.		Cr.		
Jan.	3.	Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions		$34 00

Hungarian Missions.

1897.		Dr.		
Dec.	10.	Received from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis	$25 00	
Dec.	31.	Received from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	38 00	$63 00
1898.		Cr.		
Jan.	3.	Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions		$63 00

Calvin College.

1897.		Dr.		
Oct.	14.	Balance in Treasury from Rev. O. H. Struck, Treas. Schuylkill Classis....	$11 00	
Oct.	16.	Received from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis.....	4 00	
Oct.	20.	Received from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis.....	7 07	
Dec.	7.	Received from Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.....	1 35	
Dec.	31.	Received from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis.....	12 00	$35 42
		Cr.		
		Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., Treas. Calvin College		$35 42

Harbor Missions.

1897.		Dr.		
Oct.	14.	Received from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis.....	$4 00	
Dec.	7.	Received from Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.....	2 00	
Dec.	31.	Received from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis.....	6 00	$12 00
1898.		Cr.		
Jan.	3.	Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions		$12 00

Interest for Professors' Houses.

1897.		Dr.		
Oct.	14.	To balance in Treasury.....	18 00	$18 00
1897.		Cr.		
Nov.	2.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary		$18 00

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

1897.		Dr.		
Apr.	1.	Received from St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Cooke Legacy repaid	1,200 00	
Nov.	1.	Received from Adam and Leonard Mountz int. on Keifer Legacy.....	112 50	$1,312 50
1897.		Cr.		
Nov.	6.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary	112 50	
1898.				
Jan.	12.	To balance in Treasury.....	1,200 00	$1,312 50

Allentown College for Women.

1897.		Dr.		
Oct.	14.	To balance in Treasury.....	639 65	
Oct.	28.	Received from Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas., per Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	90 00	
Dec.	10.	Received from Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, from Goshenhoppen Classis....	25 00	

1898.				
Jan.	4.	Received from Elder Jacob K. Funck, Deputy Treas., Lebanon Classis.....	21 00	
Jan.	5.	Received from Mrs. Mary S. Geiger, Pennsburg, Pa.....	25 00	$800 65
1898.		CR.		
Jan.	12.	By balance in Treasury.....		800 65

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

1897.		DR.		
Dec.	7.	Received from Rev. O. H. Strunk, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.....	1 00	
Dec.	10.	Received from Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis.....	3 00	4 00
1897.		CR.		
Dec.	29.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary		$4 00

Church Building.

1897.		DR.		
Dec.	10.	Received from Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas. Reading Classis.....	15 00	$15 00
1898.		CR.		
Jan.	3.	Paid John J. Nissley, Treas. Board of Missions		$15 00

Legacy Account.

1897.		DR.		
May	4.	Received from Philip Sandt, executor of the Estate of Christian Bender, late of East Penna. Classis, the interest of which is to be applied to the use of the missionary ministry, salary, etc.....		$950 00
1898.		CR.		
Jan.	12.	By balance in Treasury.....		$950 00

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SCHAFFNER,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HOERNERSTOWN, PA., January 12th, 1898.

The foregoing account was audited by us, and found correct as stated.

JNO. J. NISSLEY,
D. NICHOLAS SCHAEFFER,
Auditors.

READING, PA., January 12th, 1898.

III.—Report of General Synod's Mission Board.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Annual Report was published and sent out to the pastors in April last. That report is of necessity somewhat lengthy. It was deemed well, therefore, to prepare a shorter

report embodying the main items of the annual report. Indeed, much of this report is taken word for word from that report with here and there some additions in order to bring it up to the present date.

Perhaps, during no year of the past did the missions and missionaries do more efficient work. We can report an exceptionally prosperous year among the missions. Only one missionary was taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward, namely, Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersburg, Ind. The health of all the missionaries, with this one exception, was such that they could give their best energies to their work, and well did they perform their labors.

During the year the debt has been a matter of embarrassment to the Board. Strong efforts were put forth to reduce the debt of $22,000, which was the arrearage on April 1st, 1897. This debt has been gradually reduced until at the meeting of the Executive Committee, in July last, the amount was only $9,000. The Board now feels confident that in a reasonable time the debt will be entirely cancelled. When paid the Board will be enabled to lay hold on some of the many opportunities for expansion.

During no previous year did so many missions become self-supporting. This gives evidence of the spirit of self-helpfulness among the missions and should be a strong incentive to the Church to extend help to mission fields.

The Church feels like helping those who help themselves. The following are the missions that declared themselves self-supporting at the meeting of the board: Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple, pastor; Woodbury, Md.; McKeesport, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Paulding, O.; Astoria, Ill.; Lisbon, Ia., and Liscomb, Ia. The pastors of these missions and their people are to be congratulated by the Church for their heroic effort to become self-supporting and so relieve the Board and Church from affording any more help. Three other missions were not enrolled for the present year, as the Board felt that they could support themselves.

By the statement of Treasurer Reber we find that the income of the Board from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was $48,006.64. This includes the money for English, Hungarian,

Bohemian, Harbor and German English Missions. This sum includes, of course, all that was received on the apportionments and also from the special effort of last year.

The last Annual Report, which was prepared prior to the annual meeting of the Board in 1897, showed a pay-roll of more than $44,000. At the annual meeting reductions were made amounting to a little over $3,000. Then one Hungarian mission was added, so that the pay-roll from April 1st, '97, to April 1st, '98, was $42,000, had all the missions been supplied with pastors. But as a number of the missions were without pastors during the year, the actual amount paid did not quite reach $40,000. Add to this $40,000 the debt of $22,000 of a year ago and you have $62,000. From this take the $48,006.64 and you have the debt of the Board on April 1st, 1898, something over $13,000. This has since been reduced to $9,000. Beginning with the new year we have eighty-nine missions on the roll of the Board. One has been added since, namely, Connellsville, Pa. The reductions, including the missions that became self-supporting, amount to $3,735. The pay-roll, as it stands at the beginning of the Board year, without the incidental expenses, amounts to $39,495. This is considerably less than for several years past.

The General Synod apportioned $58,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English missions. By special effort $48,006.64 of this sum was raised during the last year. Without any special effort and upon the basis of the appointments alone the Church seemingly did not raise much beyond $36,000. It will, therefore, be seen that the board is now bringing the expenses down to the amount that the Church, heretofore, was willing to contribute to the cause of Home Missions. But a sufficient sum must be raised in addition to cancel the debt of $9,000, while new work should be assumed by all means. The Board, therefore, urges the classes and Synods to impress upon the pastors the importance of paying the missionary apportionments promptly. If these are paid, the Board can pay the debt and assume some additional work.

The Harbor Mission at the port of New York, under the efficient care of Brother Sommerlatte, is doing a good work.

The Bohemian Mission, in Chicago, under Pastor Molnar, is prospering. On the first Sunday of August, 1897, the congregation was organized in regular form, forty-seven members entering the organization. Other members have been added since that time. This congregation is very much in need of a chapel or church. The Church must in some way meet this demand.

The Hungarian work is prospering. During the year some changes have taken place. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi left Cleveland, Ohio, and opened a mission in Chicago, Ill., with very flattering prospects. Rev. B. Demeter was taken from New York and placed over the mission in Cleveland, but has since returned to Hungary. Rev. Francis Csanfordi was called from Hungary and placed over the mission at Trenton, N. J., lately vacated by Gustavus Jurany. Rev. Zoltan Kuthy was transferred from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to New York City. By the death of Rev. Francis Ferenczi, of Pittsburgh, Pa., we have lost a faithful servant. Lately Mt. Carmel, Pa., was dropped from the roll. Accordingly Cleveland, O., and Pittsburgh, Pa., are at present vacant, but will soon be supplied. No department of the work is more prosperous than the Hungarian. These people come nearer helping themselves than any under the Board.

The Extension work increases in importance as the years come and go. While always important, it is more so now than ever before from the fact that the work is extending and making the need of it all the more pressing. The Church can look with satisfaction on what is being done in this department. From nothing, a few years ago, it has grown to quite respectable proportions. It has a still more extended mission in our church. During the past year the usual progress was made. Quite a number of missions have had aid extended them. We are glad to say that a number of our people have given $500 funds to this cause. Treasurer Boush reports the following sums to this cause up to date:

From apportionments	$3,376 12
On Extension Funds	4,776 25
Repaid by Missions	2,053 03
On Schlatter Fund (small sums)	197 84
Borrowed	5,100 00
	$15,503 24

The disbursements for all objects amounted to $14,503.24, leaving at this time $1,000 in the treasury.

The Church can do nothing better for her own advancement than to strongly support the Extension work. A great forward movement along the extension lines is very much needed in our Church. We believe that the Church will see the need of such funds soon and will furnish them.

The appropriations for the 90 missions on the roll of the Board on October 1st, 1898, will, in round numbers, amount to $40,000. This includes the pay of superintendents. As there are always some missions vacant, so requiring no salary during such vacancy, the $40,000 will likely meet all the extra expenses as well. If the apportionments are promptly paid all liabilities can be met and the indebtedness cancelled.

The General Synod apportioned, on the Synods, the sum of $58,000. Of this the English Synods are apportioned the following sums:

SYNODS	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hung. & Boh. Missions.	German Missions.
Eastern, . . .	$25,100 00	$435 00	$2,500 00	$2,500 00
Potomac, . . .	9,700 00	140 00	840 00	840 00
Ohio, ...	5,500 00	95 00	550 00	550 00
Pittsburgh, . .	4,100 00	75 00	450 00	450 00
Interior, . . .	600 00	15 00	100 00	100 00

This apportionment remains the same for three years from the last meeting of the General Synod. We give it here merely for the use of the Synods.

The Board respectfully asks also that for church-building an apportionment of six cents per member be laid, as heretofore.

These apportionments are very moderate. They are within the reach of our people, and it is hoped that strong efforts will be made to pay them in full.

It is the desire of the board that the apportionments may be paid in order that the debt may be met and new work inaugurated. Under existing circumstances the Board can only

carry forward the work as it now is, and must wait until the Church contributes additional funds to assume additional work.

It is a pity that more cannot be done, as many calls are coming for help, and many opportunities are open to us, as a Church. The Board has, however, determined upon one thing, namely, not to assume additional work until the funds are in sight with which to carry it forward.

By arrangements with the Sunday-school board the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. J. C. Horning, went to St. Louis last October and opened a Sunday-school, and has been laboring there since. The understanding between the Boards is that he shall remain there a year or two, or until the Mission Board is prepared to place a missionary at that place.

For a more complete report see the Annual Report which was published on April 1st, '98, and contains a complete roll of the Missions with such other statistics as were deemed important. This Annual Report has been sent to all the pastors in the English Synods as well as to many of the elders and others.

The Board, in conclusion, asks of the Classes, Synods and the entire church a more hearty co-operation in the Home Mission work. The work is worthy of such co-operation and the future growth of the church must depend very largely upon the efforts we now put forth for the advancement of the work. We have prospered in spite of hard times. The blessings of the Master have been upon our work. May He continue to bless us.

D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent.*

IV.—Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting our annual statement of the progress and condition of our missionary work in Japan, we find no special features to note. During the last year the work has gone successfully forward, with usual encouraging results. We have now some 56 points where the gospel is preached with more or less success, and souls are being won to Christ. In all, 31 have graduated from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of these are engaged as personal assistants and teachers by our

several missionaries; two are engaged as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, a few have entered upon school teaching, but the most of them are engaged in preaching the gospel as evangelists. Those who are not engaged specifically as evangelists, are engaged as opportunity is afforded in some branch of Christian work. This is especially true of those who are helpers and teachers of the several missionaries. Eight graduated at the last commencement, of whom seven have already entered upon evangelistic work, while one devotes himself to teaching. Nine students were baptized during the year, while others are restrained from an open profession of Christ, by the opposition of heathen parents.

The visible results of the missionary work in Japan are materially restrained by the general absorbing interest of the people in political and commercial affairs. What, with the near approach of the time when the revised treaties will go into effect, with the far reaching commercial changes which that will effect; the gravely disturbed condition of China and Korea; and later still, the radical changes iminent in the Philippine Islands; the people feel but little incentive to give heed to the interests of religion. And yet, withal, the public prints give unmistakable evidence that in the thoughts of the people, Christianity is exerting a leavening power. As the arts and offices of Western civilization are winning acceptance, they carry with them the conviction to the thoughtful, that they are the product of the Christian religion. And the leaven is producing its fruits in the minds of the better class. During the past year, for the second time, an outspoken, active Christian was elected Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Parliament.

No new missionaries were sent out during the last year. This was not, however, for the want of applicants for appointment.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a most profitable furlough returned to the field. He landed in Japan May 3d, after a favorable journey, except that Mrs. Schneder suffered with seasickness during nearly the entire voyage. A few days on land, however, restored her to usual health.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell, who had been sent out seven

years, will come home on furlough, sailing Oct. 1st. prox. She had thought of coming via India and Europe, thus completing the circuit of the world. But her contemplated arrangements failing her, she will come via San Francisco.

The board is pained to have to say, that Rev. Dr. Moore has for some time labored under severely impaired health. He has been interrupted in his most prosperous labors in the city of Tokyo and vicinity, and has been spending some time at a health resort in the mountains of Japan. His physicians advise him, that in case he is not decidedly relieved by his sojourn in the mountains, it will be necessary for him to come to America. The Board is anxiously awaiting further intelligence from him.

Rev. Hoy experienced a severe recurrence of his old ailment, the asthma. By the advice of his brethren of the Mission, approved by the board, he took a vacation, and visited China. He had scarcely reached China when his asthma left him. He returned to Japan greatly relieved, and is again as busy as ever. The results of his travels and observations in China, the church is learning from his series of letters published in the church papers. This series is not yet completed, and whatever else they may effect, one important result will accrue; they will furnish the church a most graphic account of the terrible condition, appalling miseries and imperative wants of the heathen world. God grant, that the hearts and consciences of his children in Christian lands, may be moved by the challenge, to self-denial and speedy effort for its relief.

The board has not been unmindful of the instructions given by the last General Synod, to plant a new Mission. Its inquiries have intensified its desire to carry out these instructions, and the want of the necessary means alone restrained it from doing so. The Classes, at their last annual meetings were challenged with the inquiry whether they were prepared to furnish the additional means for this new step, with the following result: Of 53 Classes replying, the answers of 17 were affirmative, with two of them qualified; 22 were negative, and 14 noncommittal or no-action. The Board will report this result to General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

The receipts of our Board show the apportionments sev-

eral thousand dollars short. While the Board, aided by outside receipts was able to meet current expenses, it was unable to take the advance steps which our Japan work calls for, and it was compelled to move along at its old pace. We would again most earnestly bespeak of your Reverend Body such energetic action as will secure to our treasury at least the sum designated by General Synod as its apportionment.

By order of the board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1898.

V.—Report on Publishing of Reformed Church Tidings.

READING, PA., September 24, 1898.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In behalf of the joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday-school work, we beg leave to report that the second year of the publication of the Reformed Church Tidings has shown that there is a distinctive field and mission for this periodical.

The paid circulation has exceeded 19,000 copies, which is a falling off of some 6,000 copies from the first year. The advertising receipts show a gain; and these were reduced, owing to the Spanish-American war, which has affected general advertising the last six months. The financial statement herewith given show that Tidings can be placed upon a permanent financial foundation. The report of the business manager, taken from the books under date of September 22, 1898, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

19,045 club subscriptions @ 10c each	$1,904 50
From subscription account, '97, and donation	4 77
200 single subscriptions @ 25c	50 00
From topic cards, C. E. supplies, club offer, loans, etc	2,633 49
From patterns and Mis. Books	7 10
From advertising	2,025 54
Total money received to date	$6,625 40
571 subscriptions @ 10c. (unpaid)	$57 10
Advertising earned and unpaid	718 04
Total	$7,400 54

EXPENDITURES.

Printing of paper	$3,724 95
Postage on mailing	330 67
Traveling expenses	364 78
Salaries and commissions	1,377 22
Office expenses, postage, gas, rent, stationery, etc	384 12
Miscellaneous—printing topic cards, C. E. supplies, discount on notes, payment of loan, club offer	411 95
Total expenditure to date	$6,593 69

INDEBTEDNESS.

Notes discounted	$2,171 00
For office supplies	83 99
Salaries due	86 00
Total indebtedness	$2,240 99
Credit balance as above	806 85
Present indebtedness	$1,434 14

NOTE.—The above includes an indebtedness carried over from the first year of $1,424.47. The value of the good will, subscription list, furniture, etc., is not included in the assets although they represent items of value.

During the year, owing to the increased duties of his position, in Sunday-school work, the managing editor resigned, and Rev. C. E. Schaeffer was elected, and has been acting as managing editor since April 1, 1898.

From every section of the church, ministers and church members have again expressed themselves during the year as delighted with the paper, and have assured us of the great good it is doing. We would, however, remind your reverend body, that to make Tidings self-supporting, and a source of profit to the several boards, it is necessary that the original plan be carried out as far as possible, namely, a copy of the Reformed Church Tidings be placed in every family in every congregation in the church.

Our circulation has been large, although there are several hundred congregations where Tidings does not circulate. To attain a still larger circulation, we again respectfully request your reverend body to take such action as will cause the Classes to call the attention of pastors and consistories of the various charges to the importance of devising ways and means

to place the Reformed Church Tidings into every family in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.* J. L. LEMBERGER,
C. S. GERHARD, D.D., *Secretary,* T. J. BARKLEY, D.D.,
S. N. CALLENDER, D.D., F. G. HOBSON,
Publishing Committee.

VI.—An Overture from Bi-Synodic Board Concerning the Christian Bender Legacy.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

BRETHREN:—The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully overtures your reverend body to instruct your treasurer to transfer and pay into the hands of the treasurer of the said Board, Elder John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Penna., the sum of $950, being the amount of the Christian Bender legacy, the interest of which is to be applied to the "use of the missionary ministry salary." (See Minutes of Synod, 1897, p. 69.) This request the Board of Missions directed me to convey to your reverend body at its recent meeting held in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 3d, 1898.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

ELLIS N. KREMER,

Secretary Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

On Thursday at the afternoon session the aforesaid overture from the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions was duly considered, adopted and the request granted and the overture with this action referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

VII.—Report of Standing Committee on Missions.

The report on Missions by Standing Committee was presented on Monday during the afternoon session. It was acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject the following documents were placed in the hands of your Committee:

1. Annual report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

2. Report of Bi-Synodic Board.

3. An overture from the Bi-Synodic Board relative to the Christian Bender legacy. As this request of the Board has already been complied with, by action of this Synod, it is not necessary to suggest anything further.

From these sources we are gratified to learn that the past year has been one of great prosperity in our Home Mission work. This is evidenced by the large number of Missions assuming self-support, the encouraging condition of the Missions themselves, and the advance exhibited in the benevolent contributions of the Church.

A year ago the Reports showed an increase in the contributions of the Synod of more than $3,200 over the previous year. This year exhibits again an increase of the amount paid on the apportionments of nearly $3,200 over last year's total amount.

There has been, also, a gratifying gain in the contributions for Hungarian work, German Missions, and the offerings of the Women's Missionary Societies. The total contributions as shown by the treasurer's report for Home Missions, Hungarian Work, Church Building Funds, etc., by the Potomac Synod and this Synod for the year is, $35,365.27, which does not include balances carried over from last year. These figures tell their own story of the beneficent results flowing from the unification of our Home Mission work. In 1892, before unification was accomplished, this Synod paid on apportionments for Home Missions less than $10,000. This year nearly $17,000 was paid.

It is gratifying to note that the increase in contributions is general throughout the Synod, and that this year, all the Classes, except three, (and two of these Classes failed to accept the full apportionment,) paid more for Home Missions than they did last year. This would seem to indicate that the basis of apportionment adopted by the Synod last year works to advantage. It is pleasant to note that the number of charges in the several Classes paying their apportionment in full is increasing year by year. This is as it should be, and yet it is

well to remind ourselves that the apportionment is the minimum amount that charges should pay.

In carefully scanning the roll of Missions, it is cause for thankfulness to note the progress being made in establishing our Missions in the new South and in the West. The conditions in the South call as loudly for evangelization, as those of the West or those of the East. But we should remember that the population of the West has increased with phenomenal rapidity, and yet it is sparse. There is an average of but four persons to the square mile. If it be true, as it has been repeatedly asserted, that there is not elsewhere upon the face of the earth a region capable of sustaining a denser population than the immense territory of the West, what must we expect and prepare for in the immediate future? China has an average of one hundred and twenty-one persons to the square mile. At that rate the West could sustain a population of two hundred millions. It is an appalling fact that only 9.48 per cent. of population in that section profess to be evangelical Christians, leaving ninety out of every hundred either ignorant of the Gospel, or indifferent to its claims. Surely much of our national history, and, probably, its most brilliant chapters are to be made between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean. If the population of our entire country should double in the next thirty years as it has done in the past thirty years, the West will certainly receive more than its geographical increase, estimated upon its present population, or its geographical extent.

In view of these encouraging facts and abounding opportunities, we recommend:

1. *Resolved*, That in order to co-operate with the Home Mission Board, Classes be requested to affectionately urge pastors and consistories to raise the full apportionment, and to pay the same promptly.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes take into consideration the advisability of appointing one of its pastors or elders as Classical Agent for Home Missions whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Board of Missions in increasing Missionary offerings, to assist vacant Charges in raising their apportionment, and in general to give such information to pastors and

others as will carry out the action of the Classes in asking for missionary offerings. Further, the advisability, also, of a Classical Agent for Foreign Missions, to represent the Foreign Missionary work in the same manner.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize, with gratitude to God, the efficient work of the Women's Missionary Society, and record with pleasure the fact that the Treasurer received from this Society the sum of $1,294.00 during the past year. And further, that we cordially invite the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of Eastern Synod to submit an annual report to this Body.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod place on record its hearty approval of the efforts of the Mission Board in securing liberal offerings for Church Building Funds, and that the Classes take such action as will result in not only securing the full apportionment for this purpose, but also special offerings on the part of individuals, to the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

5. *Resolved*, Since it is of the utmost importance to secure systematic and larger offerings for the great work of evangelization in our land, including the providing of Gospel privileges for our Hungarian and Bohemian Brethren, that this Synod suggest to the General Board the propriety of preparing and circulating suitable leaflets on systematic and proportionate giving.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is the only document on this subject placed in the hands of your Committee. We rejoice to learn from this Report of the success attending the labors of our Missionaries in Japan. And record, with gratitude to God, the fact that so many native graduate from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gaquin are preaching the Gospel to their own people. We are pained to learn of the impaired health of our faithful Missionary, Rev. Dr. Moore. We trust the prayers of the Church will ascend in his behalf.

It is a matter of regret, that, although men are offering themselves to the Board of Foreign work, funds are not at hand to send them forth; and for the same reason the Board has not seen its way clear to begin work in China. The re-

quest is made by the Board that Synod will take such action as will secure for the Foreign Missionary Treasury the full amount of the apportionment. The Report, however, does not give any information as to the amount of money contributed from this Synod to the support of Foreign work. We believe that the success attending the "self-denial week" to relieve the Foreign Mission Board a few years ago indicates the wisdom of making definite efforts at a fixed time in behalf of this great Cause.

Deeply conscious of the supreme importance of the work committed to the management of our Foreign Board, and impressed with the crying need of more systematic and vigorous efforts in its support, and the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the whole Church in meeting the obligations which the great Head of the Church has laid upon us, your Committee begs leave to offer the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we give thanks to God for the measure of blessing which has attended the efforts of our Church in the Empire of Japan; and we call upon our pastors and churches, through the several Classes, to be found faithful in continued prayer for the spread of the Gospel among all nations.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod suggest to the Foreign Mission Board the advisability of presenting to the Synod a summary of moneys received from all sources during the year within the bounds of the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the command to "disciple all nations," and the providential calls coming to our Church to engage in Missionary work in China and in the countries recently acquired by the United States, as well as in Japan, that this Synod gives its approval to a plan of making a special effort in presenting the Cause of Foreign Missions, and in receiving offerings for the same during the month of February of each year, or some other month. And that it suggest to the Board of Foreign Missions the propriety of challeging the special attention of the Church to its work during that month, whether by a "self-denial week," sermons on the subject, or in such ways as the Board may think best.

REFORMED CHURCH TIDINGS.

The Report of the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings has been received by your Committee, and in connection therewith, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we reiterate the action of Synod the last two years, and urgently request Classes to call the attention of pastors and consistories to the growing usefulness of the Reformed Church Tidings, and earnestly suggest to them to make proper efforts to place a copy in every family represented in the congregations and Sunday-schools in their charges.

THE APPORTIONMENT.

The following amounts are to be assumed by this Synod: Foreign Missions, $15,000; Home Missions, $25,100; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, $2,500; German Missions, $2.500; Church Building, 6 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*

H. HILBISH, JOS. H. FOUSE,
C. W. E. SIEGEL, JOS. W. LAUX.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received.

The item in the report of Board of Trustees of Synod referring to a vacancy in the Board was referred to the Standing Committee on Nomination and the Treasurer's Report to the Committee on Finance—to be audited.

The Report of the Trustees of Synod is as follows:

Report of Trustees of Synod.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board of Trustees held its annual meeting in the Sunday School room of the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1898, at 10.15 A. M., all the members being present.

The Treasurer, Elder John J. Nissley, presented his re-

port, which was carefully audited and found correct. The following balances remain in his hands:

Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod	$1,093 71
Allentown College for Women	2,068 19
Christian Bender Legacy	950 00
Total	$4,111 90

The Treasurer, by authority of the Board, invested the $1,200 of the Cook legacy on hand last year, in a mortgage against the farm of Samuel, Mary and Kate Shank, bearing 5 per cent. interest, and had the same recorded in the Recorder's Office at Harrisburg, Pa. In reference to the Christian Bender legacy, amounting to $950, the Board recommends to the Synod that it "be paid to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in accordance with the directions contained in the will of the said Christian Bender, deceased."

To fill the vacancy which will occur Jan. 1st, 1899, by the expiration of the term of Elder D. N. Schaeffer, the Board recommends the following as suitable persons: Rev. H. Y. Stoner, and Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., both of Reading, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN O. STEM,
President of the Board.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 20, 1898.

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,632 02	
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,012 89	
Tohickon Classis	1,318 54	
East Pennsylvania Classis	700 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,047 31	
Lancaster Classis	1,517 51	
Schuylkill Classis	1,107 03	
East Susquehanna Classis	820 46	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,550 93	
Lehigh Classis	1,448 65	
Wyoming Classis	732 90	
Reading Classis	2,853 11	$16,741 35

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Maryland Classis	$2,958 02	
Juniata Classis	1,576 94	
Zion's Classis	316 71	
Mercersburg Classis	1,221 18	
Gettysburg Classis	675 00	
Carlisle Classis	470 48	
North Carolina	24 50	
Virginia Classis	510 95	$7,753 7

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Reformed church, Lovettsville, Va	$ 11 00	
Rev. L. F. Zinkhan	5 00	
Mrs. ————	2 00	
Miss Cath. Aulenbaugh, Philadelphia	1 00	
Missionary Society, Annville, Pa	15 75	
Missionary Society, Hill church	10 00	
Theological students, Lancaster, Pa	25 00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa	10 00	
Mrs. Louisa Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa	20 00	
Faith Mission, Salisbury, N. C	4 81	
Hungarian church, New York City	5 00	
Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn	10 00	
Rev. G. Dokus	5 00	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn	11 50	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C	12 45	
First Dept. Salem Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Pa.	2 96	
Mercersburg Classical Missionary Society	15 00	
Juniata Classical Missionary Society	22 00	
Missionary Society, Upton, Pa	10 00	
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va	50 00	
A thank offering from a friend	5 00	
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf, Spring Mills, Pa	10 00	
Reformed church, Concord, N. C	3 50	
Mrs. Geo. W. Shriver, Flourtown, Pa	10 00	
Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin, Hellertown, Pa	1 00	
Mrs. S. A. Kretzing, Broadheadsville, Pa	5 00	
Mission Band, Huntingdon, Pa	5 00	
Mrs. Geo. S. Roller, Weyers Cave, Va	10 00	
Congregation Fort Washington, Pa	25 00	
Elder J. R. Hilbush, Mahanoy, Pa	10 00	
Lizzie Allshouse, Indiana, Pa	1 00	
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa	3 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C	12 50	
Church and Sunday-school, Reigelsville, Pa	340 78	
Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa	38 88	
Hon. M. J. Grove, Adamstown, Md	10 00	
Elder F. R. Neighbors, Adamstown, Md	5 00	
H. C. Wagner and wife, Newville, Pa	2 50	
Missionary Society, Woodstock, Va	7 50	
Adaline Stout, Oreland, Pa	10 00	
W. M. S., Mercersburg Classis	30 00	
Miss Mattie Landis, Centre Valley, Pa	1 00	
Elder John Brewster, Huntingdon, Pa	10 00	
Interest on Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	1,293 00	$2,104
		$26,599

Cr.

Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board.....		$26,599 26

II.—Designated Moneys.

Reading Classis for Faith church, Reading, Pa..	$275 00	
W. M. S., Wyoming Classis, for Denver, Col....	5 00	
East Penna. Classis for Rev. W. S. Hartzell....	50 00	
W. M. S. Phila. Classis, for Rev. S. H. Seem....	25 00	
" " " " C. B. Alspach	20 00	
East Vincent cong. for Messiah Mission, Phila..	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. T. R. Deitz.....	62 00	
" " " " E. B. Lyttle.....	125 00	$572 00

CHICAGO MISSION.

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	$101 50	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	4 24	$105 74

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$ 165 50	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	1,243 46	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	265 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	100 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	18 42	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	37 90	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercersburg Classis.....	100 00	
Mrs. Dr. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.....	5 00	$1,935 28
		$2,613 02

HARBOR MISSION.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$ 58 00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	201 40	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	92 50	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercersburg Classis.....	20 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	3 09	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	6 00	$440 99

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$ 34 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	551 26	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	189 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	140 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	23 05	$937 31
		$3,991 32

Paid as designated.....	$572 00	
Balance due the Treasurer for Chicago Mission Sept. 23, 1897.....	8 08	
Paid for Chicago Mission.....	97 66	
Paid for Hungarian Missions.....	1,935 28	
Paid for Harbor Mission.....	440 99	
Paid for German Mission Work.....	937 31	$3,991 32

III.—Church Building.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897		$2,701 08
Tohickon Classis	$142 07	
Lancaster Classis	94 76	
Reading Classis	206 75	
East Susquehanna Classis	53 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	154 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	125 02	
Schuylkill Classis	43 00	
Lebanon Classis	118 13	$936 73

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Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer	$315 84	
Carlisle Classis	85 99	$401 83

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Juniata Classical Missionary Society Fund	$500 00	
W. M. S., Lancaster Classis	120 55	
Catechumen Fund	100 45	
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund	64 26	
F. G. Hobson Fund	100 00	
Emmanuel's Hanover Church-bldg. Fund, No. 5	500 00	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund	7 77	$1,393 03

LOANS REPAID.

South Norwalk, Conn	$100 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C	266 67	
Abilene, Kansas	100 00	
Steelton, Pa	200 00	
Bridgeport, Conn	200 00	$866 67
Transferred from interest account		139 22
		$6,438 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treasurer apportionment for church-building	$1,338 56	
Loan to Salisbury, N. C	1,200 00	
Loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa	2,000 00	
Loan to Parryville, Pa	500 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer, loan to General Board	1,000 00	
Herman Quitner, parsonage property South Norwalk, Conn	400 00	$6,438 56

IV.—Legacy Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897	$1,273 25	
Miss Elizabeth Houtz	190 00	$1,463 25
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898		$1,463 25

V.—Interest Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897	$430 63	
Trinity church, Altoona, Pa	38 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C	9 33	
Royersford, Pa	20 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa	132 00	
Tioga church, Philadelphia, Pa	40 00	

Roanoke, Va.	21 84	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.	50 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board	175 00	
Scranton bond	10 00	
Jacob S. Wagner Legacy	100 00	
St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md.	20 00	
Hummelstown National Bank	175 00	
Abilene, Kan.	18 00	
Lykens, Pa.	20 00	
York Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy	18 75	$1,278 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donation to Salisbury, N. C.	$300 00	
Balance due Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, Winchester, Va.	187 50	
Donation to St. John's church, Phila., Pa.	100 00	
Donation to Roanoke, Va.	16 60	
Taxes at Astoria, Ore.	15 61	
Expense Rev. E. S. Hay to Roanoke, Va.	30 22	
Traveling ex. of the Board, postage and stationery	94 45	
Salary Secretary and Treasurer	150 00	
Transferred to Church-building account	139 22	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898	244 95	$1,278 55

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Oct. 1st, 1898.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct as stated.
ELLIS N. KREMER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 3, 1898.

Report of Standing Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following items were handed to them, namely:

The Treasurer's report, which was found properly audited. A table of arrearages by Classes on last year's apportionment, as follows:

CLASSES	Contingent Expenses General Synod.	Contingent Expenses Eastern Synod.	Home Missions.	Calvin College.	Harbor Missions.	Elocution, etc.	Hungarian Missions.	German Mission Work.	Church Building.
East Pennsylvania	.....	.....	$1,935 00	10 00	19 00	19 00	115 00	168 00	303 00
Lebanon	$79 28	71 40	1,820 68	19 06	29 65	....	189 01	208 85	238 27
Philadelphia	38 14	89 80	198 98	22 00	6 87	14 00	68 00	190 00	219 00
Lancaster	.....	.....	243 70	.....	6 05	....	54 38	70 34	103 24
East Susquehanna	11 31	21 40	916 54	20 00	7 03	12 00	53 69	166 00	192 00
West Susquehanna	5 06	20	165 23	.....	.....	....	64 00	160 00	32 00
Tohickon	.....	32 00	930 82	25 00	.....	....	218 00	82 55	109 93
Goshenhoppen	13 13	50 61	285 04	6 44	34 00	....	85 46	199 00	105 98
Lehigh	.....	.....	2,000 17	17 00	22 00	25 00	206 00	352 00	408 00
Schuylkill	.....	.....	771 82	5 00	14 00	....	83 00	146 00	152 62
Reading	.....	.....	593 26	.....	.....	....	9 95	106 00	59 25
Wyoming	54 00	3 92	930 93	2 00	14 00	....	81 05	163 00	189 00
Total	$200 92	$269 33	$10,797 17	$126 50	$152 60	$70 00	$1,227 54	$2,011 74	$2,112 89

The following amounts for the purposes specified were handed to us for apportionment among the Classes:

Synodical contingent		$ 650 00
Home Missions		25,100 00
Foreign Missions		15,000 00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions		2,500 00
German Missions		2,500 00
Church building purposes		4,828 62
Theological Seminary:		
Teacher of Elocution	$ 125 00	
Seminary expenses	1,050 50	
Special lectures	60 00	$1,235 50

This we apportioned as per rule of Synod *pro rata* on the number of members reported as having communed during the synodical year, as follows:

			Communed.	Pro rata.
1.	East Pennsylvania	Classis	8,112	.1008
2.	Lebanon	"	9,640	.1198
3.	Philadelphia	"	6,111	.0760
4.	Lancaster	"	5,442	.0676
5.	East Susquehanna	"	5,483	.0681
6.	West Susquehanna	"	4,703	.0584
7.	Tohickon	"	6,807	.0846
8.	Goshenhoppen	"	5,954	.0740
9.	Lehigh	"	11,045	.1373
10.	Schuylkill	"	5,098	.0633
11.	Wyoming	"	4,900	.0609
12.	Reading	"	7,182	.0892

	Synodical Contingent.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.	Church Building Purposes	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	General Synod Contingent.
Apportionments	$600 00	$25100 00		$2500 00	$2500 00	$4828 62	$1136 50	$500 00	$300 00
East Pennsylvania..	$65 51	$2530 08	$1512 00	$250 00	$252 00	$486 72	$124 54	$50 40	$30 24
Lebanon	77 85	3006 98	1797 00	299 60	299 60	578 40	147 94	59 90	35 94
Philadelphia	49 36	1907 60	1143 00	190 00	190 00	366 66	93 82	38 00	23 90
Lancaster	43 95	1696 76	1014 00	169 00	169 00	326 52	83 55	33 80	20 28
East Susquehanna..	44 28	1709 31	1021 00	170 20	170 20	328 98	84 17	34 05	20 43
West Susquehanna..	37 98	1465 84	876 00	146 00	146 00	282 18	72 20	29 20	17 52
Tohickon	54 97	2123 46	1269 00	211 50	211 50	408 42	104 52	42 30	25 38
Goshenhoppen	48 09	1857 40	1110 00	185 00	185 00	357 24	91 41	37 00	22 20
Lehigh	89 24	3446 23	2058 00	343 30	343 30	662 70	169 63	68 65	41 19
Schuylkill	41 18	1588 83	949 00	158 20	158 20	305 88	78 26	31 65	18 99
Wyoming	39 58	1528 59	913 00	152 20	152 20	294 00	75 23	30 45	18 27
Reading	58 01	2238 92	1338 00	223 00	223 00	430 92	110 23	44 60	26 76

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER,

J. E. KERSHNER, S. SIDNEY KOHLER,

HENRY H. SANGREE. H. M. HOUSEKEEPER.

The foregoing report was acted on in its several items and adopted.

The following orders were granted on the Treasurer:

To Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Chairman on Special Committee on the transfer of Sunday School Supplies, an order of $14.05 to defray expenses incurred by the aforesaid Committee.

To Dr. E. N. Kremer, an order of $2.00 for official work done in behalf of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

To Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, for refitting alcove in Theological Seminary and the removal of the Synodical Archives, the payment of telegrams and printing tickets for the use of Synod, $19.86.

To Rev. Dr. Saml. R. Bridenbaugh, for the use of the Church by Synod and in payment of the bill of stationery, $30.00.

Revs. Milton H. Sangree, F. L. Kerr and J. Stewart Hartman were appointed a committee to receive pledges to the amount of $500, as salary to secure a traveling missionary in the interest of Hungarian Mission work.

Dr. Saml. R. Bridenbaugh was appointed to receive in behalf of the Treasurer voluntary pledges to a fund to be used in aiding Rev. Geo. M. DeFerre Zacharias, now in Amsterdam, in obtaining copies of early records pertaining to the history of the Reformed Church in this country.

An appropriation of $500 was made to Catawba College, Newton, N. C., and the amount was referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

On Monday during the afternoon session Rev. Dr. Jno. W. Steinmetz was elected a member of Synod of Trustees for a term of five years. Elder Jno. J. Nissley was continued in office as Treasurer of Synod.

The Purchase of Allentown College for Women.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed to raise $20,000 for the purchase of Allentown College for Women beg leave to report that progress has been made during the past year. The Committee has canvassed in all the charges that permitted it to do so. Wherever the cause has been pre-

sented, it was favorably received and generously supported. The large majority of the people visited ratified the action of Synod by their gifts. They seemed to appreciate the wisdom manifested by Synod in her effort to secure possession of an institution exclusively devoted to the higher education of young ladies. The canvass secures two results, namely, money for the purchase of the College and a wider advertisement of the advantages and merits of the institution. The one great obstacle that has stood in the way of greater progress has been the pressing claims of many other worthy objects upon the charity of the people.

The amount of cash now in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod is $2,068.14. I have in my possession $122 and Rev. Dr. J. F. DeLong has $482.62, making a total of $2,672.76. The amount of unpaid subscriptions is $1,956.75. The total amount of cash and unpaid subscriptions is $4,629.51.

Your Committee would recommend the appointment of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., in place of Rev. E. S. Bromer, who has removed from Schuylkill Classis; Rev. S. C. Seitz instead of Rev. C. D. Schneder, resigned, and Rev. D. U. Wolff in place of Rev. A. S. Bromer, resigned.

In order to secure funds for the purchase of the College in the time agreed upon and thus enable Synod to take up other important interests, your Committee would respectfully request Synod to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Eastern Synod urgently requests the Classes to take such action as will secure the speedy canvass of all congregations within their bounds as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
Chairman.

The foregoing report was adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to the items in its report under the head of Irregularities was affirmed.

A Special Committee was appointed to whom several of

these irregularities were referred, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to report on the irregularity of East Susquehanna Classis in appointing an executive committee or board to act for Classis during the interval between the regular meetings, would respectfully report:

1. That the action of East Susquehanna Classis in appointing an "executive board" to transact business which a Classis alone has power to transact is irregular and unconstitutional.

2. That under existing circumstances the action of said Board, when approved by Classis, be regarded as valid, and the same is hereby confirmed.

3. That East Susquehanna Classis be and hereby is directed hereafter to conform to the constitution and call special meetings to transact business during the intervals between the annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER,

JOHN M. TITZEL, JNO. J. BECK.

The first item under the head of Requests, on the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee which subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter to which Lebanon Classis calls the attention of Synod, would respectfully report that there is no technical complaint by Lebanon Classis against East Susquehanna Classis that demands a hearing before Synod.

The Committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That Synod calls the attention of East Susquehanna Classis to the complaint of Lebanon Classis and requests East Susquehanna Classis to hear this complaint on its merits and take such action as the constitutional merits of the case will demand.

M. H. SANGREE,

B. B. FERER, F. G. HOBSON.

On Requests 2 and 6 on the Report on Minutes of Classes the following action was taken:

In answer to the requests of Tohickon Classis and of Lebanon Classis this Synod informs these Classes that it is within the province of the Classes themselves to overture General Synod and therefore this Synod does not accede to their requests.

In reply to the Item 3 under the head of Requests Synod does not see its way clear to grant the request and therefore reiterates its action on this subject taken a year ago.

The request of Wyoming Classis to give the Scranton Mission permission to solicit aid within the bounds of Synod for the liquidation of its debt, was granted.

In reply to the request of Schuylkill Classis that the Stated Clerk use the statistical tables of the Classes in Minutes of General Synod without the sanction of its own Synod and without its official confirmation would be in violation of the requirements of General Synod.

The Items 1 and 10 under the head of Subjects Referred, were given to a special committee which reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the items in the Minutes of Lebanon and Wyoming Classes as regards apportionments and recommendations made by Synod, in view of the action taken by Synod, on similar actions of other Classes, would recommend that said items be simply adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL,

L. D. STECKEL, L. M. ALTHOUSE.

In regard to the 5th and 6th Items under the head of Subjects Referred, Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That Synod regrets the failure of West Susquehanna Classis and Goshenhoppen Classis, to apportion the amount for German Missions, and calls the attention of these Classes to the fact that in accordance with the action of last

year, Synod expects the Classes to give the congregations an opportunity to contribute to all objects of benevolence apportioned upon them.

Publication of Historical Documents.

In regard to Item 7 in the Report on Minutes of Synod concerning the preservation of Historical Documents, following report was received and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee on the preservation and publication of historical documents, appointed in 1896 and continued by action of Synod in 1897, would respectfully report:

1. That the libraries of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster and of Franklin and Marshall College now contain complete files of the printed minutes of the General Synod and of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church. Files of the minutes of other Synods are nearly complete, and will be deposited in the library of the Seminary as soon as several lacking numbers have been secured.

. A considerable number of documents and early imprints have been collected, and these will be carefully preserved as directed by Synod; but after due consideration your committee does not deem it advisable at present to proceed with the publication of a historical volume.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. DUBBS, JNO. PH. STEIN.

Removal of Synod's Archives.

In regard to Item 8 in the Report on Minutes of Synod concerning the Archives of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

The undersigned begs leave to report that the manuscript minutes of the several Classes constituting Synod, as far back as 1865, were systematically arranged in consecutive years up to date in cases especially made for their preservation, and safely stored in one of the alcoves of the Library Building in the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. A wire screen door with lock and key has been procured and carefully adjusted so as to properly protect the property of Synod. Each case

containing the minutes of the several Classes is distinctly labeled. As the manuscript minutes of the several Classes annually presented to Synod, prior to 1865, are wanting, having been probably destroyed by the Chambersburg fire during the civil war, it would be well to have carefully preserved the books of the Classes containing the minutes prior to that day. The expenses in securing suitable cases and screen doors with other necessary incidentals amounts to $19.86, as may be seen in accompanying vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The three items under the head of Appeals and Complaints in the Report on Minutes of Classes were referred to a special committee, who subsequently presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Appeals and Complaints to whom were referred the appeals of Elder Hoffmeier and Deacon Roling from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis; the appeal of Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer from the action of Philadelphia Classis, and the complaint of Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., from the action of Lancaster Classis, would respectfully report that with regard to the first two of these items they find the papers in proper form. A technical irregularity in the complaint of Rev. C. C. Cort, D.D., against the action of Lancaster Classis does not, in the opinion of your committee, invalidate the regularity of the complaint.

We therefore recommend that the hearing of these appeals be made the order of the day at 3.30 this afternoon; that, after the necessary papers have been read, one-half hour or as much thereof as may be necessary, be devoted to the hearing of each; that they be heard in the order mentioned; that ten minutes be given to the appellants and an equal time to the defendants to open their case, after which five minutes shall

be given to each side to close. The vote in each instance shall be taken immediately at the conclusion of the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LEWIS FLUCK,

JAMES P. BROWN, JOSEPH W. LAUX.

October 24, 1898.

Appeal of Messrs. Hoffmeier and Roling *versus* Classis of East Pennsylvania:

On Monday during the afternoon the appeal of Messrs. Hoffmeier and Roling against the action of East Pennsylvania Classis was in order. The papers in the case were read. The appellant was heard through its counsel, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, in support of the appeal, and the appellee was heard in reply by its counsel, Rev. Wilson F. More. After hearing the argument bearing on the case, Synod proceeded to vote by yeas and nays, and the appeal was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS.—*Revs.* Henry Hilbish, J. Lewis Fluck, Thos. C. Leinbach, I. Calvin Fisher, Jno. H. Sechler, J. H. Hendricks, E. C. Sult, S. L. Messinger, Henry H. Sangree, Frank L. Kerr, S. Sweitzer, H. W. Wissler, L. M. Fetterolf, S. S. Kohler, F. W. Brown, M. N. George, H. F. Long, Thos. W. Dickert, Jas. N. Bachman, E. E. Leinbach, T. J. Bower, I. F. Wagner, Geo. S. Sorber, C. H. Herbst, C. W. E. Siegel, Jos. W. Bell, Jas. R. Brown, Jas. I. Good, R. W. Miller. *Elders* Jno. B. Moore, Jno. L. J. Stoudt, Jno. H. Olwine, Jonathan Swope, F. G. Hobson, Jac. S. Sechler, J. F. Detwiler, H. M. Housekeeper, Abram Schwenk, E. H. Burkholder, Jno. W. Apple, Joseph Fouse, I. R. Hilbush, Wm. Moyer, Robt. Smith, Wm. Dimmig, Herman R. Bunn, John Kugler, L. M. Althouse, Joseph W. Laux, Louis Steigerwald, A. B. Dundor.—51.

NAYS.—*Revs.* Jos. E. Freeman, Geo. W. Roth, Chas. S. Wieand, Geo. B. Smith, Thos. N. Reber, Martin Maus, Jacob Latsha, Martin Roth.—8.

EXCUSED.—*Revs.* J. M. Titzel, Milton H. Sangree, L. D. Steckel, J. C. Leinbach, B. B. Ferer, W. H. Mader, B. Bausman, H. Cooper.—8.

Rev. Wilson F. More gave notice that he appealed from

the decision of Synod in the case in the name of Rev. T. O. Stem to the decision of the next General Synod. Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard and Jno. H. Sechler were appointed to defend the action of Synod before the General Synod.

Defining the Meaning in Sustaining the Appeal.

The President appointed a special committee to define the meaning of Synod's action in the case. During the evening session a report was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your special committee on the appeal case of Elder S. F. Hoffmeier and Deacon W. G. Roling, beg leave to report:

The effect of the decision reached by the Eastern Synod in sustaining the appeal of Elder Hoffmeier and Deacon Roling from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis in declaring the appellants unconstitutionally elected to their respective offices—puts the case in the following status:

First. It does not decide that a plurality vote is sufficient to elect an officer in the Reformed Church, but it does decide that exceptions to any technical error in the manner of nomination or election must be taken before the installation of such officers, reaffirming the action of the General Synod at Reading, wherein it is declared, "Article 22 of the Constitution makes the installation of officers the induction into office, and all questions affecting the election must be raised and settled by complaint or charges regularly made before the installation. (Minutes of Synod, 1893, p. 150.)

Second. It is further the effect of this decision that Elder Hoffmeier and Deacon Roling, having been regularly installed into office are still the officers of St. Mark's Reformed Congregation, Easton, Pa., and entitled to exercise the functions of their office until the term of their office expires, or until legally removed for cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*

JOS. W. BELL, F. G. HOBSON.

The first and second items in the Report on Minutes of Classes having been referred to a special committee on Appeals and Complaints were disposed of in the following manner:

Rev. C. Cort, D.D., having come to an amicable understanding with parties concerned, gave notice that his complaint against the action of Lancaster Classis is withdrawn.

Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer gave notice that the complaint against the action of Philadelphia Classis in refusing to appoint a committee of supply for St. John's Church, Delaware, is withdrawn.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of General Synod's Sunday School Board.

The following communication from General Synod's Sunday School Board was presented to Synod in Item 6 in Report on Overtures and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools. It is as follows, namely:

READING, PA., September 27, 1898.

To the District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with thankfulness to God that we report a year of prosperity in the general Sunday-school work of the church.

As to statistics, it is to be regretted that whilst the reports for some classes have been models of fulness and accurracy, in other classes they have been quite imperfect. Figures of last year have been used, and in one case the figures of two years ago, as it was impossible to obtain reports from some Classes. In several Classes, where a number of Union Schools exist, the Classical Committee, by diligent work, have been able to furnish almost perfect reports. The defective reports, of course, vitiate the whole statistics. This is to be kept in mind in reviewing the tabulated results. The present enrollment is at least as follows: Number of schools, 1,566; number of officers and teachers, 24,770; number of scholars, 182,134; officers, teachers and scholars, 206,904.

The Sunday-school mission work has not increased, except in aiding a larger number of schools with grants of literature. This is owing to the fact that the board is keeping rigidly within its income, and therefore is unable to do all that

Classes and the Board of Home Missions request. The following is an abstract of the report of the treasurer of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department:

Abstract of Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Board, for the Year Ending April 20, 1898.

COLUMBIANA, OHIO, April 20, 1898.

DR.

To cash brought forward	$ 988 37	
To receipts	2,843 85	$3,832 22

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By payment on Rev. R. W. Miller's salary	$499 98	
By expenditures through General Secretary's Office—this includes $428.68 Student Band Account; $92.75 Traveling expenses—Office expenses including purchase of leaflets, Home Department Requisites, supplies to be sold, etc.	857 63	
By Expenditures through Treasurer's Office, i. e., $1,000 grants of literature, including $400. for previous year—Salaries of Sunday School Missionaries—Loan of $300. paid back, etc.	2,442 92	$3,800 53
Balance in treasury	$31 69	
Approximate Children's Day Receipts		$2,100 00
Approximate amount expended for Missionary Department —not including grants of literature		$1,400 00

NOTE.—The above is the financial exhibit of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D., treasurer, whose funds are kept separate from the publication department, as they are offerings of schools for Sunday-school Missionary work, given mainly, on Children's Day.

The gain in circulation of our Sunday-school literature has been gratifying. The total circulation of our periodicals, now exceeds, by sixty per cent., the combined circulation, East and West, when the board began its publication operations two years ago. The circulation of Lesson Helps, Quarterly, Eastern House, in July, 1896, was 86,000 copies; Western House, 34,000 copies. At present it is between 190,000 and 200,000, including the two new quarterly publications of the board—the Heidelberg Picture Cards and the Church Festival Helper. It is pleasant to announce that a reduction in price will be made in several periodicals the first of the year, that the Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly will again be enlarg-

ed eight pages, and a cover be added, without increasing the subscription price, and that, owing to the growth of the Home Department Work, a Home Department Quarterly will be issued. Another new publication will be the Heidelberg Lesson Book for 1899. As indicating progress, we report that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America has arranged to supply the schools of that church with our Lesson Helps.

The financial statement of the business manager of the board's business, March 31, 1898, was as follows:

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$2,583 24
Accounts due in book department	750 72
" " on Church Festival Helper	241 47
" " on Lesson Helps and Sunday School Papers	2,444 61
Amount due from advertisers	132 50
Due from Sunday School and Missionary Department—account of grants of literature	126 99
Due from Sunday School and Missionary Department—account of Children's Day Services, 1896	286 94
Inventory of stock of book store	770 75
Salary paid in advance	59 00
529 cuts—$645.86—at 2-3 cost	423 90
Cash paid in advance for Sunday School maps, 2, 3, 4th Qr. '98	300 00
Reserve fund for Sunday School Hymnal, etc	1,500 00
	$9,620 12

LIABILITIES.

Cash received in advance for Sunday School Supplies—Second, Third, and Fourth Quarters, 1898	$2,370 28
Bills payable	207 67
Six months royalty due Reformed Ch. Publication Board	500 00
Amount due Sunday School and Missionary Department on account of capital advanced	1,000 00
Total	$4,077 95
Net earnings or balance	$5,542 17

In view of the encouraging growth in the Sunday-school membership the last few years, and because of the continued need of systematic effort to gather in the large numbers not attending any Sunday-school or studying the Bible regularly, the board feels constrained to emphasize the importance of this work. To this end, it proposes, that in these closing years of the century, all our schools unite in the "Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sunday-schools." The object of this movement is to signalize the entrance of the Reformed church

into the twentieth century, by bringing into its Sunday-schools 100,000 new scholars by April 1, 1901. A statement of the nature, motives and methods, animating this movement, is presented in the leaflet accompanying this report. As this great work depends, under God, for its success, upon the earnest co-operation of the pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and scholars, we respectfully recommend that your reverend body take such action as will direct the Classes to call forth the activity of all our pastors and churches in this movement.

Respectfully submitted,
C. CLEVER, D.D., *President.*
RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*
READING, PA., Sept. 27, 1898.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

When your permanent committee on Sunday Schools was appointed several years ago, it was intended, first of all, to secure through its instrumentality a more thorough and symtematic organization of this important branch of church work; and then also to obtain more complete and reliable statistics of the operation of these schools. The former purpose has, in a large measure at least, been realized. Every Classis has its Sunday School committee, and it is believed that the work is carried on more systematically and effectively than was previously the case. It is to be regretted, however, that in the matter of statistics, which your committee considers of vital importance, the progress made is not at all what the church had a right to expect. Last year the reports were fuller than the year before, and all the Classes except one sent in their statistical tables in a fairly complete form. This year one Classis has again not reported at all, and several others have left their reports very imperfect. The full statistical table is appended to this report. Comparing it with last year's report, after supplying the missing data out of previous reports, there seems to be a decrease in the number of schools to the extent of forty, no doubt because at least that many schools have not been reported at all. There is an increase of nine

teachers and 1,443 pupils, or a total increase of 1,452. There are reported 579 schools, 10,514 officers and teachers, and 78,664 pupils; total, 89,178.

It seems to your committee, that the Synod ought to take steps to secure full and accurate reports from all the Classes so that all the data may be at hand for the careful study of the condition and progress of the Sunday Schools throughout the Synod.

After consultation with the *pastor loci*, arrangements were made to hold a meeting and conduct a special service in the interest of Sunday Schools on Sunday evening of the sessions of the Synod. The details of this service will be reported by the committee on Religious Services.

The term of service of Elder J. H. Stein as a member of your committee expires this year. The vacancy should therefore be filled by an election at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Chairman.*

F. G. HOBSON, C. C. LEADER,

G. A. SCHWEDES, J. H. STEIN.

Sunday School Membership, 1898, Eastern Synod.

CLASSIS.	No. of Schools Reported.	No of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Officers, Teachers and Scholars.	To Sunday-school work of General Board.	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To support of the Schools.	To other benevolent objects.
East Pennsylvania Classis	73	1,136	8,496	9,632	123	279	3,119	244
East Susquehanna Classis	52	780	5,939	6,719	115	568	1,970	92
Goshenhoppen Classis	42	722	4,364	5,086	119	412	294	1,778
Lancaster Classis	40	920	6,235	7,155	126	551	2,567	459
Lebanon Classis	52	1,225	7,737	8,962	165	537	3,026	962
Lehigh Classis	70	1,120	11,063	12,183	77	981	2,624	738
Philadelphia Classis	35	821	7,084	7,905	57	768	4,225	500
Schuylkill Classis	40	731	5,307	6,038	65	214	1,713	883
Tohickon Classis	50	612	4,795	5,407	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Susquehanna Classis	58	693	4,322	5,015	89	299	1,554	251
Wyoming Classis	45	766	5,293	6,059	138	325	2,288	431
Reading Classis	29	988	8,029	9,017	180	3,158	1,412	3,681
Total	579	10,514	78,664	89,178	1,254	4,312	24,792	10,119
Totals for 1897—Reported	619	10,505	77,221	87,726	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apparent loss	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gain	...	9	1,443	1,452	.....	.....	.....	.....

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your committee on Sunday Schools respectfully offer the following report:

There were referred to us the report of the Sunday School Board of General Synod and the report of the Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools of this Synod.

We learn with pleasure that the Sunday School work of the Church during the past year has enjoyed a large measure of prosperity.

Notwithstanding the number of imperfect statistical reports from the different Classes, we are glad to state from the reports that there is an increase of 1,452 teachers and pupils.

Your committee furthermore rejoices in the fact that the Sunday School publications during the last year have been improved in quality and contents, and that their circulation, during last two years have increased sixty per cent. It is a matter of just pride, we think, to note how nobly the Schools of the Church are responding to the action of Synod in the proper observation of the Church Festivals and Children's Day and assisting in the work of Sunday School missions.

The General Synod's Sunday School Board in its report presents most forcibly the need, the opportunity and advantage, the necessity in making a united effort to increase the membership of the Schools and also to gather in the large numbers yet unreached by the Sunday Schools. To give definiteness to the work it is denominated the "Twentieth Century Movement." In view of the foregoing your committee respectfully offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. *Resolved,* That the Classes of the Synod earnestly direct the attention of pastors, consistories, parents and Sunday School workers to the importance of systematic and continued efforts to increase the number and efficiency of the Sunday Schools of the Church.

2. That each Classis instruct its Classical Committee

on Sunday School work to heartily co-operate in the "Twentieth Century Movement" in Reformed Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT O'BOYLE,

W. E. BUSHONG, C. H. HERBST.

The foregoing report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools with its several items was adopted.

Dr. S. P. Heilman, of Heilmandale, Pa., was elected a member of the Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School Board of the Eastern Synod as now constituted consists of the following members, to wit: Rev. Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1899; Rev. Geo. A. Schwedes, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1900; Elder F. G. Hobson, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1901; Elder C. C. Leader, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1902; Dr. Saml. P. Heilman, whose term expires Oct. 1, 1903.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

In regard to Item 8 in the Report on Minutes of Synod, concerning the publishing of the Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

The Publishing of Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to report that 3,900 copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Sessions of the Synod were printed, and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed in accordance with the rules and regulations of Synod in the case.

The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication Board at the cost of $254. The work done was highly satisfactory and the Minutes were issued from the press early in December and speedily distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN.

On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,800 copies of the Minutes of Synod published to meet the demands of the Synod for the present year.

In regard to the sixth item in the Report on Minutes of Synod the Stated Clerk reported that printing the Minutes in the present form—pages, 6 by 9 inches—secures uniformity in the bound copies of Minutes as far back as 1857 and therefore in his judgment the present form should be continued. Adopted.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: With the close of the second year of its history in managing the publications for your exclusive benefit, the board is able to present some facts and figures of sufficient comparative value to draw inferences for the future. These are commended to your scrutiny and deliberation.

Under Exhibits A and B, appended to this report, giving respectively the items of receipts and expenditures and the assets and liabilities, you will be able to note the scope and results of the work for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

After deducting from the receipts of 1897 the $4,200 advanced by the treasurer for working capital, the cash receipts for 1898 show an increase of $1,337.78 over those of 1897. The expenditures for 1898 as compared with 1897 show a decrease of $1,305.19.

In arriving at the assets (Exhibit B) the same conservative methods were pursued which the board adopted as set forth in last year's report, and should in its opinion present a reasonably accurate estimate of their value. You will note in the liabilities that unpaid bills constitute an unimportant item, the business manager having adhered strictly to the instructions given by the board to pay all bills at the end of each month. It is the hope and expectation of the board to maintain this method of conducting the business. To accomplish this, however, it is imperative that the obligations contracted by its patrons should be promptly and fully paid, and to this end the timely aid and voice of the Synods and its individual members are solicited.

How serious this laxity in payment has become and how it may menace the solvency of your house is evidenced by the increasing sums due for subscriptions to the "Messenger." Af-

ter two years of publishing, the amount thus owing is $5,912.16 (Exhibit B gives it as $4,434.12, being 75 per cent. of the amount actually due), an increase of $1,993.99 during the past year. During these same two years it has cost the board to edit and publish the "Messenger" $18,488.84, whilst the total cash receipts from that source for the same period have been $16,900.56, being $1,588.28 excess of expenditures over receipts. You are able to appreciate therefore the danger to be apprehended from the neglect of its patrons in meeting these debts.

If the board had in hand the $5,912.16 due for subscriptions, contemplated improvements in the editorial and publishing departments could be inaugurated, but until these debts are paid all hope for improvement, enlargement or reduction in price must remain in abeyance.

In this connection, and with the expectation of increasing the subscription list as well as facilitating collections, the Board has engaged the services of a general agent, Rev. John N. Naly, at a fixed salary and expenses, who will visit each of the Synods and systematically labor in behalf of the "Messenger" and the other interests of the Publication House. The board commends him to your cordial reception and favor.

The other items in Exhibits A and B call for little comment as they show a reasonably stable and sound condition, and it only remains to emphasize that which the figures clearly demonstrate, namely, success and prosperity can only be secured and maintained through your active aid and support and through the prompt settlement of bills due for subscriptions and purchases.

Exhibit C shows the Treasurer's report as submitted to the board at its last meeting, September 15th, 1898. By reference to his report for the previous year you will find included two notes of C. G. Fisher aggregating $950 and bonus due from Fisher estate for $900, both marked allowed by the court. These claims have been finally settled and paid by the receipt of the net sum of $391.45 as shown in the report, representing the pro rata distribution to the creditors, less charges for attorney's fees and expenses. The Board regrets to report its inability to collect anything from the Fisher estate on the claim

of $3,541.06 advance subscriptions received by said estate for the "Messenger." The claim was duly presented and argued before the court, but the judge ruled in substance that the Publication Board was not obligated in law to furnish the paper to any subscriber who had paid the Fisher estate for it, and hence there could be no claim for any such voluntary act.

The Board at its last meeting passed a resolution appointing a committee to present to your reverend bodies a statement of the relations existing between this and the Sunday-school Board. It is not necessary to enlarge this report with any further reference to this subject.

Referring to the "Messenger" in its editorial department the board begs to quote, with its endorsement, the report of the editor-in-chief:

"During the year closing with July 1, 1898, the *Reformed Church Messenger* has been issued regularly each week. One year ago we had considerable trouble in having the paper issued promptly and regularly on Thursday. Notwithstanding untiring efforts on our part we failed to do this, until we insisted upon having a new foreman at the printing office. Our request being granted, the paper at once began to appear on time, and has done so each week since then. We have succeeded in improving the appearance of the paper by removing the rules between the columns and at the top of the pages, by changing the sub-heads, and the general arrangement of the smaller contributions. By the last improvement considerable space has been saved, and the *Messenger* during the last year has contained more matter than during the two years previous. From such reports as have come to us, we are glad to state that the *Messenger* has been growing in favor with our people. During the coming year we shall endeavor to make the paper still more interesting. We expect to receive more News Items and more original contributions, without increasing the item of expense. The amount expended for editing the *Messenger* during the last year has been kept within the limit laid down by the Board.

"The Editor will be pleased to receive any suggestions that the Board may see fit to make."

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1899, of the terms of the following members of this board: G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod, and E. J. Durban, Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT A.

Business Manager's Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 1898:

Cash on hand as per last statement		$1,568 61
" advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer		400 00
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.		
For *Messenger*	$9,001 88	
" *Review*	551 04	
" Book Department	8,052 97	
		17,605 89
Total amount for the year		$19,574 50
EXPENDITURES.		
For *Messenger*	$10,296 82	
" *Review*	663 87	
" Book Department	6,633 62	
		17,594 31
Balance cash on hand June 30, 1898		$1,980 19

EXHIBIT B.

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand June 30, 1898	$1,980 19	
Invoice of stock on hand	4,088 66	
Due on accounts in Book Store	1,195 56	
" from subscribers to *Messenger*	4,434 12	
" on advertising in *Messenger*	510 00	
" from subscribers to *Review*	240 30	
Total assets		$12,448 83
LIABILITIES.		
Profits of last year	$1,820 12	
Money advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer	6,997 25	
Advance subscriptions on *Messenger*	2,250 42	
" " " *Review*	134 85	
Bills payable	140 26	
Salaries due contributors to *Messenger*	104 50	
Office salaries	34 66	
Total liabilities		11,482 06
Balance profit and loss		$966 77

EXHIBIT C.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1897.			
		On account St. Thomas Congregation Loan	$200 00
Oct.	1.	Interest Deeter Mortgage	25 00
Oct.	8.	Proceeds on claim of $950 against Fisher estate, per J. A. Reed, Attorney	209 56

Oct. 8.	Interest on mortgage, Masillon, Ohio	50 00	
Oct. 8.	" " Youngstown, O.	50 00	
1898.			
Mar. 29.	Interest on Blosser judgment.....	12 00	
Mar. 29.	Rental Sunday-school Board.....	937 50	
Mar. 29.	Interest on Deeter mortgage.....	25 00	
Mar. 29.	Proceeds on claim against Fisher estate, per A. W. Bomberger, Attorney	141 80	
Mar. 29.	Final dividend Fisher estate.....	40 09	
Mar. 29.	Received on account St. Thomas Church Loan	100 00	
Mar. 29.	Interest on St. Thomas Church Loan	85 91	
			$1,876 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer per last Report.....	$229 14	
Expenses members at Sept. meeting of Board....	60 67	
Nov. 10, 1897, cash to Rev. C. R. Ferner, Man'g'r	400 00	
Expenses members at April meeting of Board....	65 65	
Invested in 5 per cent. call loan.....	900 00	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer.....	221 40	
		$1,876 86

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment, 6 per cent.	$ 200 00
Mortgage Masillon Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.....	1,000 00
Mortgage Youngstown Board Home Missions, 5 per cent..	1,000 00
Mortgage Deeter Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.....	1,000 00
Note St. Thomas Reformed Congregation, 5 per cent.....	700 00
Call loan at 5 per cent.....	900 00
Total investment account.....	$4,800 00
Cash in treasury	221 40
Total assets in hands of Treasurer.....	$5,021 40

Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, presented its report on Monday during the morning session. It is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report that the following documents came into our hands: The Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board, a Statement of a Committee of the Publication Board, and also a Statement of the Prudential Committee of General Synod's Sunday School Board.

We have carefully examined the Report of the Board's operations, and are gratified to learn of the increased receipts and decreased expenditures of the Board for the year. We are glad to note that the Board pursues a conservative method

in ascertaining the value of its assets. But we fail to discover any evidence of the auditing of the books of the Board.

We regret that the second year of the Board's operations does not show a great increase in the circulation of the Reformed Church Messenger. It is well that a general agent is to be appointed to take in charge this most important work of enlarging the circulation of our representative church paper. And we rejoice to note the manifest improvement in the editing.

With reference to the matters in dispute between the Publication Board and the Sunday School Board, we feel persuaded that they arise largely from a lack of careful and complete examination of the real situation, and a neglect on the part of the two Boards to confer together. However, in view of the papers presented and the personal statements of the representatives of the two Boards. We believe a separate business management, more careful oversight, and more aggressive business methods, would increase the business operations and usefulness of both Boards. We, therefore, respectfully offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

1. That Classes again call the attention of pastors and churches to the growing worth of the Reformed Church Messenger, its helpfulness in forming Christian character, and its unrivaled place in the homes of our people as a religious periodical giving most important facts and information.

2. That we recommend the Reformed Church Review to our ministers and intelligent Church membership, and express the hope that the Review may continue to grow in its usefulness and its catholicity of spirit.

3. That we request the Publication Board to annually audit the books of the Business Department; and to exercise great care in keeping the books, and in the prompt collection of outstanding accounts.

4. That we suggest that the Publication Board arrange with the Sunday School Board for a joint conference of the two Boards with a view to adjust seeming difficulties.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON H. SANGREE,

GEORGE W. ROTH, C. C. LEADER,

THOMAS W. DICKERT, F. G. HOBSON.

The foregoing report with its several items was adopted.

Transfer of S. S. Supplies.

The Special Committee appointed a year ago, to whom was referred the consideration of the transfer of certain Sunday School supplies by the Reformed Church Publication Board, to the General Sunday Schools Board, in response to Item 12 in Report of Minutes of Synod of 1897, reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on Transfer of Sunday School Supplies.

Report of the Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod of Milton, 1897, on the transfer of "supplies" by the Board of Publication to General Synod's Sunday School Board:

Your special committee was appointed under the following circumstances: The Board of Publication in their annual report to Synod for 1897 among other things contained this statement: "During the past year another contract was made with the Sunday School Board, whereby your Board transferred to it the right to publish and sell Sunday School Hymn Books, supplies and literature not included in the first contract, reserving however to your Board the Catechisms. In consideration of this later grant you are to receive the annual sum of $250 for five years." (Min. East. Syn., 1897, p. 97.) A lengthy discussion arose on the propriety of this second transfer by the Publication Board to the Sunday School Board, and was concluded by the adoption of a resolution as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the whole subject of such transfer be referred to a committee who shall make thorough investigation, and report to this Synod one year hence." (p. 103.)

In the discharge of its duty during the Synodical year your committee held four meetings: one in Philadelphia, two in Lancaster, and one in Reading.

Agreeably to your instructions we have instituted a thorough investigation into all the facts bearing on two main questions: 1. Whether the Publication Board acted within the limits of its authority in making the transfer without previously obtaining the consent of the three Synods. 2. Whether

wisdom dictates that this Synod approve the transfer of what are called "supplies" to the Sunday School Board?

The first question has to be decided on the basis of the charter of the tri-Synodic Board of Publication, printed in the Minutes of the Eastern Synod for 1876, p. 52. According to section IV the Trustees "have, subject to the supervision and direction of a majority of the Synods, full power to hold and manage the funds and property entrusted to them." The right to alienate any part of their property the charter does not convey. By implication that right is not within the compass of their "full power." Further, the fact is to be noted that the charter stipulates explicitly that the Trustees "shall not dispose of or encumber any of said real estate without first having obtained the consent of a majority of the Synods controlling the corporation." Interpreting Section IV consistently with itself your committee is of the opinion that the Trustees had no authority at will or on the basis of their own judgment to transfer to another Board any franchise or any of their publications. On a question concerning the transfer of "property" the intent of the Charter requires that the Trustees before a transfer is made obtain "the consent of the majority of the Synods controlling the corporation."

To answer the second question intelligently it is requisite to review the history of the Sunday School Board during the last three years.

The General Synod of 1896 authorized the Sunday School Board "to publish the Sunday School Lesson Helps, Sunday School papers, and Sunday School literature;" and at the same time made request of "the three Eastern Synods, to transfer their publishing rights, so far as they relate to the Sunday School publications, to General Synod's Sunday School Board." "As a consideration for the transfer of the Sunday School publications, the Sunday School Board" was directed "to guarantee financial aid, if necessary, to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars ($1,000) annually," (Min. Gen. Synod, 1896, pp. 171, 180,) to the Publication Board of Philadelphia.

In pursuance of this action of General Synod the Sunday School Board applied directly to the Publication Board, not

to the Synods, for the transfer of the right to publish Sunday School literature. This application was granted. Then in October, 1896, we find in the Minutes of our Synod of that year in the Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools a statement as follows: "Agreeably to the action of General Synod, the Board of Publication of the three English Synods of the East, and the Reformed Publishing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, have transferred their respective interests in the Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of General Synod. It is now the purpose of the General Board to consolidate the Sunday School papers." In view of these facts the Standing Committee offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That "Synod hereby approves of the consideration and unification of the Sunday School publications under General Synod's Board"; and the resolution was adopted. (See Minutes of Eastern Synod for 1896, pp. 84 and 85.)

It appears accordingly that the transfer of what General Synod calls "Sunday School literature," or of what this Eastern Synod calls "Sunday School publications" to the Sunday School Board was approved by this Synod in 1896. It is further to be noted that this Eastern Synod, nine years earlier, in 1887, by formal resolution, "placed the editing and preparation of our Sunday School papers, Sunday School Lessons and Lesson Helps into the hands of the Sunday School Board of General Synod." (Minutes of Eastern Synod, 1887, p. 80.) Of like import was the action on the transfer in 1896 of the Pittsburg Synod, Minutes for 1896, pp. 57 and —, also Minutes 1897, pp. 59 and 64; and of the Potomac Synod, Minutes for 1896, pp. 70 and 74, also Minutes 1897, pp. 60 and 65.

The facts thus recited show plainly that in 1896 the three English Eastern Synods approved, agreeably to General Synod's request, of the transfer of Sunday-school literature by the Publication Board to the Sunday-school Board. The language used in the request of General Synod is general; it says "Sunday-school literature"; and the language used by this Synod in 1896 is general; it says, "Sunday-school publications." This action might consistently be construed to include the "Sunday-school supplies and literature" of which

our Board of Publication speaks in its report of 1887 as embraced in "another contract."

The history of the case as now set forth in detail disposes your Committee to recommend the following:

Resolved, That what the Publication Board in 1897 calls "another contract with the Sunday-school Board" be and hereby is confirmed; with the understanding, however, that the Board of Publication does not relinquish any part of its franchises, or its legal right to publish Sunday-school literature.

We offer this resolution for two reasons: 1. Because the "supplies" of the second contract are supplementary to the first contract approved in 1896; 2. Because the second contract has already been approved by two of the three Synods, which, according to the charter makes the transaction legal.

The question has arisen and has challenged the attention of your Committee, whether the "consideration," as it is called, paid by the Sunday-school Board to the Publication Board, for the transfer of all the Sunday-school literature, is an adequate compensation? To answer this question in justice to both parties would require a careful examination into the financial history and present financial status of the two Boards in so far as the financial status concerns Sunday-school literature. But such an examination your Committee did not feel itself called upon to make, especially as it is not properly qualified to undertake the task. The parties best qualified to institute this inquiry are the two Boards themselves. If the Board of Publication feels aggrieved by the terms of the transfer we suggest that Synod recommend to it and to the Sunday-school Board to meet in conference and re-examine into the financial aspect of the transfer with the view of adjusting any existing differences.

A matter of more serious consequence has confronted your Committee. It is this. The organization of the Sunday-school Board by General Synod is without warrant in the Constitution. General Synod is a body of limited powers. Powers not given to it by the Constitution General Synod cannot assert. According to Article 83: "to it shall

belong the management of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church." Beyond the work of Missions, or as regards the organization of a Board for other purposes, its authority does not extend. Of the irregularity the Sunday-school Board has itself become sensible; and in its report to the General Synod of 1896 it suggests an amendment to Art. 83 of the Constitution, the subsistance of which is expressed in these words: "The General Synod shall exercise supervision and management of the general interests of the Sunday-school work of the church, by a Board, elected and governed in their proceedings in accordance with the provisions of their charter." (Report pp. 14.) This proposed amendment was referred by General Synod to a committee of five that is to report to the next triennial meeting. (Min. 1896, page 180.) If it be approved by the Committee and by General Synod, and if adopted by the Classes, the existing serious irregularity will disappear.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,

T. J. HACKER, JOHN W. APPEL.

Expenses of the Committee, $14.05.

This report was adopted and an order on treasurer was granted to pay expenses of the Committee.

Elder H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia, Pa., was duly elected to fill the vacancy occurring on the Board of Publication on the 1st of January, 1899.

During the afternoon of the last day of the sessions, the following preamble and resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Pittsburg Synod in response to an overture from the Synod of Ohio, relating to the consolidation of the publication interests of the Ohio Synod, with the publication interests of the three Eastern Synods, referred the subject to the favorable consideration of the Reformed Church Publication Board; therefore,

Resolved, That the Eastern Synod gives its approval to a

Conference on this subject provided the full plan of such proposed consolidation be submitted to this Synod before any final action is taken.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHANS' HOME AND OTHER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The following report from Board of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Home, and is as follows, to wit:

Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We herewith lay before your reverend body a copy of the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of this Home, which is for the year ending July 7th, 1898. This report gives a statement of the family life and work at the Home as well as a statement of crops raised on the farm and also contains the Treasurer's report. Three months have passed since the report was closed and now a few additional facts may be stated for the information of the Synod.

We have at present 128 children in the Home with 9 more admitted whom we expect shortly. Our family has been larger during the past year than ever before, the average age of our children is lower than in former years, requiring in proportion more hired help to properly care for them, and some of our crops this year have been a partial failure. In consequence of these facts we are at present about three thousand dollars in debt on current expenses with the prospect that this amount will be increased to between four and five thousand dollars by Christmas time.

At present about one-fourth of the pastoral charges in the Eastern Synod have children in the Home and within the past twelve years nearly one-half of all the charges in the Synod have had children cared for at Womelsdorf. We have been trying in an economical way to properly care for these fatherless little ones whom the pastors and consistories have brought to us.

RECEIPTS.

From balance in Treasury as per last report..	$2,721 29
" interest on invested fund.....	2,386 61
" loans paid	2,400 00
" collections in the churches.....	1,680 80
" bequest of Mrs. C. E. Santee.....	600 00
" Pittsburgh Synod, special	400 00
" individual sources	128 15
" special appeal	107 50
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	2,069 33
Total	$12,493 68

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	$3,600 00
" 45 annuitants	3,002 50
" Dan'l Stine Mem. Home.....	1,855 05
" Expenses	209 96
By cash in Treasury Sept. 30, '98.....	3,826 17
Total	$12,493 68
Invested Fund	$38,850 00

The following ministers have been made members of the society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Samuel C. Long, Wm. J. Muir, James B. Stoneseifer, Samuel A. Leinbach, A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D., Silas P. Mauger, Aaron A. Leisz, Morgan A. Peters, E. W. Stonebreaker, John S. Stahr, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Henry Y. Stoner, C. A. Leimberg, E. D. Meixell, Silas B. Mase, Wm. H. Tussing, D. S. Stephan, Joseph A. Keller, D.D., Geo. M. Zacharias, Christopher Noss, Chas. H. Mutchler and Peter E. Weimer.

Annual Members.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzell, J. W. Grossheusch and John Vogt, D.D.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the foregoing report concerning the Society of Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee to which was refer-

red the reports from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, would respectfully report as follows:

1. From the data at hand we learn that this Society holds in trust as an invested fund the sum of $38,850. From the revenue received through this fund which is supplemented by contributions from the Church at large, the Society obtains the only funds to carry forward the blessed work of caring for our aged ministers and their widows.

This Synod has contributed during the year $713.56 toward this object. From this statement of facts it is plain that the work of the Society is limited and a noble work seriously hindered, and the necessities of our aged ministers and widows are not fully met. A cause so worthy truly deserves a more faithful support.

The Daniel Stine Memorial Home has during the past year begun the work designed by the noble benefactor to this worthy cause. Although the opportunity which the Home furnishes as a retreat for those amongst our ministers and their widows in their declining years, has not been embraced to the extent that it might have been expected, yet we believe that its usefulness in the Church with this beginning, will with changing circumstances of passing years become apparent to those for whom it is intended.

In view of the above facts we would recommend the following for adoption:

1. That this worthy cause be commended to the various Classes and Charges as worthy of their most generous support.

2. That the Daniel Stine Home be commended to the Church as a most worthy charity, and that those of large means be urged to contribute toward the increase of an endowment of said institution, so that from this source it may receive full support.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. SORBER,

J. M. BACHMAN, E. H. BURKHOLDER.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, to whom were referred the various items in the several reports, in regard to vacancies occurring in the several Boards, presented on Friday during the afternoon session the following report, to wit:

The Report on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to offer the following report:

On the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary:—Messrs. John J. Nissley, Louis Kremer, Martin J. Riegel, John W. Apple, John B. Roth, and John Hertzler. Three to be chosen for a term of six years.

On Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary:—Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D.D., N. Z. Snyder, Jno. Ph. Stein, N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., S. G. Wagner, D.D., and J. F. DeLong. Three to be chosen for a term of four years.

On the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College:—Revs. Dr. S. G. Wagner, Dr. Henry Mosser, Jno. W. Bickel, Esq., Dr. A. B. Dundor, Rev. W. F. More, and A. J. Brumbach. Three to be chosen for a term of ten years.

On the Board of Publication:—Messrs. Edward J. Durban and H. M. Housekeeper. One to be chosen for a term of three years.

On the Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools:—Messrs. S. P. Heilman, M.D., and E. H. Burkholder. One to be chosen for a term of five years.

On the Board of Trustees of Synod:—Revs. J. W. Steinmetz and H. Y. Stoner. One to be chosen for a term of five years.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. F. MORE,

REV. JAMES R. BROWN, ELDER A. B. DUNDOR,
REV. T. C. LEINBACH, ELDER WALLACE BACHMAN.

The Report on Nomination was adopted, and the Committee instructed to have the requisite number of tickets printed.

The election was made the order of the day on Saturday at 2 P. M., and the election of Trustee of Synod on Monday at 2 P. M.

The election took place at the hours specified. At the first election Revs. C. B. Alspach, I. Calvin Fisher and Elders E. H. Burkholder and Louis Steigerwald acted as tellers. The roll was called and the ballot was taken. The votes were counted, and the results reported to the President who announced the names of the persons elected as recorded in Art. XIII, College and Theological Seminary; Art. XIX, Publication; Art. XVIII, Sunday Schools.

At the election for Trustee of Synod, Revs. H. F. Long, and W. E. Bushong were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets. The roll was called and the ballot taken. The votes were counted, the results reported to the President, who announced the name of the person elected as recorded in Art. XV, Finance.

Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. Thos. N. Reber, J. G. Rupp, and Elder Robt. Smith to hear excuses for leave of absence. At the close of the sessions the report of the Committee was presented and finally adopted. The day on which members of Synod were excused from further attendance is noted in Art. II, Members Present.

Addresses by Visiting Brethren.

During the sessions of Synod addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Corresponding Secretary on Board of Foreign Missions, on "Our Foreign Work"; by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, on "Our Home Mission Work"; by Rev. S. S. Miller, on "Society of Relief," etc.; by Rev. C. J. Musser, on the "Circulation of Reformed Church Messenger"; by Rev. J. C. Leonard, on the "Outlook of Catawba College, Newton, N. C."; by Prof. Wm. M. Irvine, on "Mercersburg College," and by Rev. J. H. Leiper, Field Secretary of Pennsylvania Sunday Association.

Communications from Calvin College.

The following communication, presented in eighth item in Report on Overtures, was received:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—On behalf of the Calvin College Board of Regents, the undersigned would respectfully tender their sincere thanks for the aid given during the scholastic year of 1897-8, and would submit the following summary of the last annual reports:

RECEIPTS.

From the Treasurer of Eastern Synod	$111 90
" " " " East Penna. Classis	42 00
" " " " Lebanon Classis	14 26
" " " " Philadelphia Classis	23 15
" " " " Lancaster Classis	7 07
" " " " East Susquehanna Classis	15 35
" " " " West Susquehanna Classis	18 00
" " " " Tohickon Classis	22 00
" " " " Schuylkill Classis	12 35
" " " " Reading Classis	5 00
Amount	$271 08
From individual donors in Eastern Synod	475 15
Whole Amount	$746 23

The total receipts of the College were $2,238 from the German Synods, and $1,340 from English Synods.

The number of students in attendance was 32, three of whom were graduated in the classical course. Of these three, one entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, one the Theological Department of Ursinus College, one who had been supported by the Presbyterians at an institution of that church.

The present Senior Class numbers five. We would wish to have to report a larger number of students, but may hardly hope for a large increase with our present inadequate equipment, and with the limited resources at command. However, as long as the literary standing, and the moral character of the Calvin College graduates continue to receive the commendations of competent men, and as long as the most influential of German congregations continue to call for their services as soon as they have completed their theological studies, we feel constrained to continue this work, never ceasing to hope and to trust that in due season God will send His angel to trouble the pool with five porches, when the Church

will provide larger and more liberal things for a German institution of learning where the young people of our German Churches are educated for America.

We pray the Lord to guide and to bless you in your Synodical deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RUETENIK.

Reporters to the Press.

At the opening of the sessions the President appointed Revs. F. L. Kerr, I. Calvin Fisher and Chas. E. Schaeffer reporters to the press. At the close of the sessions, the following report was read and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed to assist the reporters of the city in securing full and accurate accounts of the proceedings of the Synod, begs leave to report, that it has performed its duties to the best of its knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KERR, *Chairman.*

Time and Place for Synod's Next Annual Sessions.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hold its next annual sessions on the third Wednesday in October, 1899, at 7.30 P. M.

Resolved, That the selection of the place where Synod is to hold its next annual sessions be left with the officers of Synod.

A Pamphlet on Infant Baptism.

In the first item of the Report on Overtures reference is made to a pamphlet on Infant Baptism by Rev. Hiram King, which is presented to Synod. The copy was received with thanks and ordered to be placed in the Synodical Archives.

Communication from Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias.

Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias, now at Amsterdam, Holland, laboring in the interest of Reformed Church History, favored Synod with a letter in regard to his researches in obtaining from early letters and other documents pertaining to the pioneer missionary work of the Reformed Church in this country, valuable material that will be helpful to the future Historian.

Pledges were received to assist in sustaining him in the work undertaken.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution of thanks were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod put on record its appreciation of the generosity of the Railroad Companies in granting reduced fares; the enterprise of the press in publishing full reports; the warm-hearted hospitality of the members of the Second Reformed Congregation and others in entertaining the members of Synod; the wise forethought of the pastor and officers of the Second Church; the excellent music of the choir and the faithful and efficient services of the sexton.

The business for which Synod convened being completed the Synodical roll was called and those brethren absent at the final calling of the roll were previously excused. The Minutes of Monday's session were read and these, in connection with the Minutes as a whole, were adopted.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet the third Wednesday in October, A. D. 1899, in First Reformed Church Lancaster, Pa.

Synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 24, at 10 P. M. in the repetition of the Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the doxology, and receiving the Apostolic Benediction.

D. W. GERHARD, *President.*

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

ADDENDUM.

Selection of Place for Next Annual Meeting.

The officers of Synod were appointed to determine upon a place to hold the sessions of the next annual meeting of Synod. Having failed, after repeated efforts in securing an invitation for the entertainment of Synod, they were constrained to act in accordance with the action adopted by the Synod in 1894 at Harrisburg, Pa.

> Resolved, That Synod provide for its own entertainment.
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> Resolved, That each Classis provide for the payment of expenses of its own delegates incurred by their entertainment.
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> Resolved, That the pastor or pastors of the place where Synod meets, be constituted a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of the members of Synod at as reasonable rates as possible, and at least four weeks before the time of the annual meeting of Synod furnish the Stated Clerks of the Classes with full information as to place and rates of entertainment.

In accordance with this action, Synod will entertain itself, and its next annual meeting will be held October 18th, A. D. 1899, at 7.30 p. m., in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

D. W. GERHARD, *President.*

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS, May 16, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rev. Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	440	390	380	31	2	16	17	78		5	16	10		$1356	$ 1298	6		Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville	3	520	444	220	25		26	8	22		20	12	4		210	1670	8	40	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	98	75	28	5							3	2			200			Bath, Pa.
Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Lafayette Col																			Easton, Pa.
Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock	Superannuated																			Paterson, N. J.
Rev. Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	414	310	155	28		15	8	7			5	2		220	1650	13		Easton, Pa.
Rev. J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	800	570	637	23	1	32	2	3			19	5		209	1400	12		Bath, Pa.
Rev. J. W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	550	418	290	31			8	6			18	6		378	1150	12	110	Cherryville, Pa.
Rev. Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	660	465	375	36		29	2	3			5	5	1	218	1165	16	40	Effort, Pa.
Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	First Church, Easton	1	575	430	170	14	2	26	17	9			6	1		1746	3635	14		Easton, Pa.
Rev. Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasauqua	1	285	240	152	22		11	15	5		16	2	8	1	237	1400	14	90	Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. John Wolbach	Without charge																			Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	428	386	110	16		14	2	2		2	4		1	257	1315	16	100	Stone Church, Pa.
Rev. G. A. Schwedes	Christ Ch., Bethlehem	1	528	425	190	8		16	34	10		12	5	3	2	640	4075	16	250	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. S. F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	640	500	600	25				8			10	7		150	1200	8	100	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Rev. Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	292	150	275	10		12	10			30	2	2		25	1350	5		Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	433	340	260	31	1	31	16	2			10	1		131	1500	12	35	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. W. H. Wotring, B.D.	Dryland	2	800	650	550	39	3	40	46	9		10	12	2	1	505	2080	13	200	Nazareth, Pa.
Rev. George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	3	362	325	160	15			1	2			8	3		110	800	6	100	Bath, Pa.
Rev. John F. DeLong	Freemansburg	1	185	153	115	7		13	7	3			5	4		245	1150	15	25	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. O. P. Steckel	Grace Cong., Easton	1	150	138	110	3	1	7	2	2			1	1	1	71	894	7	50	Easton, Pa.
Rev. Irvin M. Bachman	E. Mauch Chunk	1	212	160	80	19		24	24	2		5	3	1	1	107	1026	10	30	E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Rev. E. L. Kemp	Prof. Stroug'g N. S.																			E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Rev. Thomas H. Krick	Weissport	1	250	169	170	33		17	14	10		11	6	6		167	1026	7	85	Weissport, Pa.
Rev. J. G. Rupp	Towamensing	3	365	272	495	35		14	26	3			3	8		259	1500	12	110	Parryville, Pa.
Rev. F. H. Moyer	Siegfried's Bridge	1	123	115	40	20		10	15	2			1	1		30	500	6	20	Siegfried's Bridge.
Rev. E. Clark Hibschman	Stroudsburg	1	147	126		10	5	13	9	2		1	4			124	1198	8	35	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Rev. W. H. Brong	Tannersville	4	350	240	165	32	3	35	6	5		48	13	12	2	39	777	11	36	Tannersville, Pa.
Rev. Wilson S. Hartzel	Odenwelder	1	49	40	44	8	1	8	6							16	450	7	30	Easton, Pa.
Rev. William U. Helfrich	Christ Church, Bath	1	250	145	125	10		1	5	6			7	1	1	69	778	7	75	Bath, Pa.
Rev. John M. Kessler	Bangor	1	183	143	115	8				5		12	4			25	809	12	125	Bangor, Pa.
Rev J. F. DeLong, supply	Rittersville	1	135	104	90	5				4			1	1		55	300	10	11	Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. S. P. Mauger, supply	Flickesville	1	80	75	25	3		4	1				1	2		20	185			Stone Church, Pa.
Rev. W. H. Brong, supply	Hamilton	1	100	45	75	2			1							7	100	6	15	Tannersville, Pa.
Rev. G. A. Schwedes, supply	North Bethlehem	1	12	9													60			Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. C. J. Becker, supply	G. Cong., Stemton	1	149		100				80				2				2000			Catasauqua, Pa.
Rev. F. A. Moyer, supply	Bethany, W. Bethlehem	1	98	60	30	5		10	15	3				1		23	540	8		Siegfried's Bridge.
	Total—31	34	10667	8138	6931	659	18	423	397	219		172	165	99	11	$7649	$30128	299	1710	

LEBANON CLASSIS, May 30, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville	4	590	498	275	9	5	19		8			7	3	2	$569 00	$6725	20	100	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1560	1468	800	73	5	40	10	20		50	39	10	2	300 00	5825	25	150	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge																	1		Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	Without charge					2												1		Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	Without charge																	1		Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	850	704	900	76	8	54	15	4		15	28	21		382 00	1890	24	175	Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	680	602	305	26	1	1	9	5			8	5		173 00	1202	20	125	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1289	1131	636	69	6	99	2	31		21	30	27		216 00	4200	16	200	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	584	484	345	37			9	4		24	14	10	1	123 00	1920	20	88	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1050	1000	475	40		77		9			30	6	1	470 00	2000	16	200	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	56	55	123	2	3	10	5	7			2			145 42	61	10	8	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	Tabor, Lebanon	1	750	525	300	15	3	23	3	10		5	8	6	1	615 00	2600	15	130	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	765	725	250	29	1	47		19		21	8	11		150 00	1300	25	50	228 S. 3d St. Reading, Pa.
Warren J. Johnson	St. John's Lebanon	1	365	296	109	5	1	7	6	3			4			650 60	2469	15	160	931 Willow St., Lebanon Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	495	423	350	36	7	30	25	8		13	4	5	1	327 00	3722	10	115	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	Bethel	4	672	570	295	14	5	35	2	8		10	8	6		184 00	1125	20	65	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
*Richard S. Appel	Shartlesville	3	310	280	130	29		23		2			4	8		52 67	525	10		Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
U. Henry Heilman	Without charge																	1		Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	450	373	268	23	2	16	5	8		1	2		1	276 00	1054	20	86	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck	Myerstown	1	453	408	160	5		21	10	18		79	4	3		230 00	1865	10		Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
	†Grace, Avon	1	106	98	29	4		10	4				3	1			275	2		
	‡Bellman	1																		
Anselm V. Hiester	Licentiate																			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
George W. Hartman	Licentiate																			West Leesport, Berks Co., Pa.
Ministers, 20. Licentiates, 2	Charges 18.	52	10975	9640	5750	494	47	512	105	164		239	202	122	9	$4869 69	$38668	282	1652	

* Dismissed. †Supplied by Rev. H. J. Welker. ‡ Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler

JONATHAN E. HIESTER, Stated Clerk.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS, May 31, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired					1													Ashland, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	403	373	197	46		4	4		8	11	2		$355 45	$844 00	25	39	Mahanoy, Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	350	274	195	10		12	13	2		6	6	1	405 03	1680 00	12	77	Sunbury, Pa.
C. H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	250	230	130	19		10	4	1		8	2	1	115 94	760 00	8	20	Sunbury, Pa.
S. P. Brown	Uniontown	4	425	383	200	33		27	4	3		7	5		341 00	850 00	20		Pillow, Pa.
N. W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	415	295	313	67	1	23	3	1		5	16		147 00	855 00	20	38	Ringtown, Pa.
C. B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	918	709	740	142	1	56	20	8	12	8	30	1	1478 00	5308 09	25	325	Shamokin, Pa.
J. J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	560	519	480	29	2	32	2	6	32	11	5		377 00	950 00	17	90	Elizabethville, Pa.
L. D. Steckel	Tower City	3	143	107	118	20	3	10	1	2		4	4		60 00	1158 22	12	54	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	451	424	396	41		34	26	13	11	10	7	1	451 00	1339 00	15	120	Ashland, Pa.
O. F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	6	323	272	127	26	1	4	5			9	6		149 56	3800 00	22	44	Hegins, Pa.
H. W. Wissler	Catawissa	1	128	97	65	5		2	3			3	2		90 00	780 00	12	50	Catawissa, Pa.
L. M. Fetterolf	Mainville	3	173	152	80	12	7	17	3	1		2	3		79 60	908 00	7	24	Mainville, Pa.
A. P. Frantz	Numidia	2	315	253	205	24		24	10	3		5	5		144 49	1500 00	16	30	Newlin, Pa.
J. W. Buck	Mt. Pleasant	2	136	82	48	20		12	7	22		1				531 30	16	14	McAdoo, Pa.
Geo. S. Butz	Paxinos	2	204	140	56	13	1	1	13	4	12	1			95 85	1847 92	10	58	Paxinos, Pa.
C. D. Kressley	Line Mountain	6	430	325	95	39	2	75		5		9	4		124 33	1405 00	20	100	Rough and Ready, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Mt. Carmel	1	130	124	76	27	1	17	39		3	1	1	2	38 00	606 00	12	12	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Fred. C. Seitz	Millersburg	3	426	300	231	1			4			1	1	1	162 00	915 00	18		Millersburg, Pa.
Vacant	Armstrong Valley	6	152	40								1			4 00	20 00	8		
"	Mt. Carmel, Slav.	1	65	46	33	7		5				2	2			224 00	3		Mt. Carmel, Pa.
M. M. Fryer	Asst. Tower C. M.																		Tower City, Pa.
Raymond Butz	Without charge																		1530 Cherry St., Phila., Pa.
Jos. A. Schlappich	Without charge																		Line Mountain, Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Without charge																		Fredericksburg, Pa.
Albert Gonser (supply)	Hope Congregation	1	18	18	20	1			3							25 00			Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Geo. A. Stauffer	Licentiate																		Schodt, Pa.
Ministers, 24.	Charges, 20.	62	6424	5483	3805	583	19	365	156	71	78	105	91	7	$4618 00	$27405 44	296	1095	

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS, May 19, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel M. Wolf, D.D.	Prof. Penn. Hall Acad.																			Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser	Without charge																			White Deer, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	438	416	385	23		12	1	10		9	5	1		$381 00	$2500 00	15	68	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	5	550	406	205	21			4	3		12	2			295 00	735 00	25	40	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	444	407	276	19	3	17	31	25		9	3			345 00	1143 00	24	80	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg, Ph.D	Centre Hall	4	372	349	181	7		4	11	6			5	1	2	327 00	2414 00	20	85	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	4	370	245	179	20	1	17	9	4			10			292 00	775 00	15	16	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	275	203	150	8	3	13	5	2		12	4			190 00	1400 00	12	119	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Aaronsburg	5	328	281	235	18		15	14	2			5			334 00	1043 00	25	66	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	1	360	310	160	10		18	4	10		5	6		1	2455 00	1457 00	16	170	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Marion L. Firor	St. John's, W'msport	1	280	230	128	13		10	11	7		2	6			273 00	1500 00	20	30	Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.
*R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D	Without charge																			Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Howard H. Spahn	Liverpool	7	346	320	150	34	1	29					4	2		70 00	1300 00	14	7	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
Zwingli A. Yearick	Lewisburg	2	254	199	101	6		4	5	3			4			293 00	1208 00	24	91	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
Moses M. George	Rebersburg	5	323	285	167	20	1	19	8	6			6	2		229 00	800 00	26	100	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
James M. Runkle	Nittany Valley	5	341	330	172	26	1	16	20	2			7	4	1	271 00	1197 00	25	95	Hublersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
John L. Barnhart	White Deer	4	447	384	198	14		15	20	8		4	6	3	1	325 00	760 00	24	120	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
Thomas L. Bickel	Bellefonte	2	276	220	141	4		8	4	10		12	2		1	669 00	1198 00	20	120	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Martin W. Schweitzer	Susquehanna	3	22	16	11	3										7 00	39 00	8		Montgomery, Lycoming Co., Pa.
Vacant	Penns Creek	1	140	102	62	3		1	2				4			111 00	658 00	15		Laurelton, Union Co., Pa.
Ministers, 18.	Charges, 18.	61	5566	4703	2941	249	10	198	148	98		66	69	13	6	$6809 00	$20027 00	329	1239	

*The Statistics of the Susquehanna Charge embrace only those of the Montgomery congregation, whereas two others were added to the charge since.

WILLIAM A. HAAS, Stated Clerk.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS. May 31, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired					1													Ashland, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	403	373	197	46		4	4		8	11	2		$355 45	$844 00	25	39	Mahanoy, Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1	350	274	195	10		12	13	2		6	6	1	405 03	1680 00	12	77	Sunbury, Pa.
C. H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	250	230	130	19		10	4	1		8	2	1	115 94	760 00	8	20	Sunbury, Pa.
S. P. Brown	Uniontown	4	425	383	200	33		27	4	3		7	5		341 00	850 00	20		Pillow, Pa.
N. W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	415	295	313	67	1	23	3	1		5	16		147 00	855 00	20	38	Ringtown, Pa.
C. B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	918	709	740	142	1	56	20	8	12	8	30	1	1478 00	5308 09	25	325	Shamokin, Pa.
J. J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	560	519	480	29	2	32	2	6	32	11	5		377 00	950 00	17	90	Elizabethville, Pa.
L. D. Steckel	Tower City	3	143	107	118	20	3	10	1	2		4	4		60 00	1158 22	12	54	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	451	424	396	41		34	26	13	11	10	7	1	451 00	1339 00	15	120	Ashland, Pa.
O. F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	6	323	272	127	26	1	4	5			9	6		149 56	3800 00	22	44	Hegins, Pa.
H. W. Wissler	Catawissa	1	128	97	65	5		2	3			3	2		90 00	780 00	12	50	Catawissa, Pa.
L. M. Fetterolf	Mainville	3	173	152	80	12	7	17	3	1		2	3		79 60	908 00	7	24	Mainville, Pa.
A. P. Frantz	Numidia	2	315	253	205	24		24	10	3		5	5		144 49	1500 00	16	30	Newlin, Pa.
J. W. Buck	Mt. Pleasant	2	136	82	48	20		12	7	22		1				531 30	16	14	McAdoo, Pa.
Geo. S. Butz	Paxinos	2	204	140	56	13	1	1	13	4	12	1			95 85	1847 92	10	58	Paxinos, Pa.
C. D. Kressley	Line Mountain	6	430	325	95	39	2	75		5		9	4		124 33	1405 00	20	100	Rough and Ready, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Mt. Carmel	1	130	124	76	27	1	17	39		3	1	1	2	38 00	606 00	12	12	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Fred. C. Seitz	Millersburg	3	426	300	231	1			4			1	1	1	162 00	915 00	18		Millersburg, Pa.
Vacant	Armstrong Valley	6	152	40								1			4 00	20 00	8		
"	Mt. Carmel, Slav	1	65	46	33	7		5				2	2			224 00	3		Mt. Carmel, Pa.
M. M. Fryer	Asst. Tower C. M.																		Tower City, Pa.
Raymond Butz	Without charge																		1530 Cherry St., Phila., Pa.
Jos. A. Schlappich	Without charge																		Line Mountain, Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel	Without charge																		Fredericksburg, Pa.
Albert Gonser (supply)	Hope Congregation	1	18	18	20	1			3							25 00			Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Geo. A. Stauffer	Licentiate																		Schodt, Pa.
Ministers, 24.	Charges, 20.	62	6424	5483	3805	583	19	365	156	71	78	105	91	7	$4618 00	$27405 44	296	1095	

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

TOHICKON CLASSIS, May 23, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. Kehm	Indian Creek	2	780	647	372	28		25	2	23			16	2	2	$418 38	$4950 41	20		Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	101	54	50	3						2	1			35 87	160 00	8	35	South Bethlehem, Pa.
F. J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	575	473	350	22	1	22	13	7		10	12	6		445 00	1246 00	20		Quakertown, Pa.
J. G. Dengler	Sellersville	2	285	261	105	22	4	19	8	12		5	3	2	2	172 14	1037 00	16	35	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Lower Saucon	4	593	494	246	21	2	30	15	3		5	6	4	1	342 00	4694 00	24	162	Hellertown, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	309	275	198	8	1	3		2			1	2		2340 14	1616 88	12	125	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothrock	Lansdale	1	322	283	70	8	7	10	14	12			3	4		379 00	1575 00	10	50	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	787	706	453	40			11	9		22	16	5		228 41	1364 00	22		Coopersburg, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	527	430	210	16		4	1	5			3	5		196 50	800 00	20		Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	3	322	289	175	10	2	17	4	7		2	9	1		75 00	725 00	14		Frenchtown, N. J.
C. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	619	507	237	21		12	8	5		14	8	3		246 00	1593 00	13		Ferndale, Pa.
D. Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	468	326	280	33		33	31	15		13	3	4		172 70	3263 37	12	93	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbauersville	3	483	461	325	22	2	4	10	13		35	13	4		144 76	1175 00	18		Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, supply	Leidy's and Souderton	2	238	232	100	8	12	16	7	2		11	3	1		164 54	924 02	18		Quakertown, Pa.
John Naille	Without charge																			Trappe, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without charge																	1		Bath, Pa.
W. H. Mader	South Easton	1	330	230	216	15		10	6	1		1	2	6		100 00	1060 00	12	80	South Easton, Pa.
J. R. Bergey	Doylestown	1	207	205	81	15	15	35	40				1	2		113 00	1393 00	12	80	Doylestown, Pa.
J. R. Stein	Perkasie	1	206	185	70	6	6	28	44	2		1	1	1		98 17	703 86	7	40	Perkasie, Pa.
J. R. Stein, supply	Zion's Hill	1	72	72	100	2		13	2	1			1	2			142 00	6	5	Perkasie, Pa.
J. A. Mertz	Durham	3	437	304	222	9			3	1		74	5	2	1	278 69	1720 00	18	100	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Hilltown	2	453	373	230	3	15	26	5	10			9	4	1	130 69	873 76	25	60	Perkasie, Pa.
Ministers, 20.		39	8114	6807	4090	312	67	307	224	110		195	116	60	7	$6080 99	$31016 30	307	865	

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	332	225	140	30		15					16			$110 75	$1500 00	20		Maxatawny, Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D.D.	Egypt	4	1150	985	625	65		50	4	23		12	19	11	3	654 00	1920 00	24	196	Allentown, Pa.
Abraham Bartholomew	Disabled																			Lehighton, Pa.
E. J. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	925	819	500	53		56		15			31	3	1	625 28	1900 00	20		Fogelsville, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner	St. John's	1	722	518	256	14		14	5	8			10	3		2149 29	4073 00	20		24 S. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Wise	Lenhartsville	4	612	490	308	40		35	2	3			15	4		50 00	1300 00	10	55	Lenhartsville, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	Disabled																			
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Supt. Pub. Inst., Pa.																			
Jas. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	680	620	530	66		40		3			20	7	2	160 00	1050 00			Lynnport, Pa.
N. W. Helfrich	Ziegel's	5	1000	900	700	81		83		40			44			415 24	1000 00			Allentown, Pa.
M. H. Diefenderfer	Christ	1	310	206	141	44		28	3			10	1			104 00	2411 00	18		Allentown, Pa.
N. F. Peters	Slatington	1	550	420	300	46		29	64	10		13	15	5		250 00	1850 00	20	84	Slatington, Pa.
J. C. J. Kurtz	Without charge																			
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's	1	581	382	336	29		24	21	3		1	5	4	1	363 00	1194 00	12	40	Lehighton, Pa.
H. D. Kurtz	Without charge																			
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. & M. College																			
M. H. Drensinger	Fleetwood	4	766	612	281	64	2	14	3	5			28	11	2	300 00	1811 00	24		Fleetwood, Pa.
Tobias Kessler	Without charge																			
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's	1	1230	1125	729	75	3	64	76	32		39	29	21		1043 00	8226 00	25		Allentown, Pa.
T. J. Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	850	670	540	31	7	33	37	15		16	18	8	1	1018 00	5650 00	20	170	Allentown, Pa.
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School																			
J. W. Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown College																			
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	895	741	435	21	1	33	18	6			10	2	1	457 52	1250 00	24		Kutztown, Pa.
Thomas N. Reber	Mahoning	3	535	317	380	12		19		2			8	9	1	85 65	1816 00	16		Sittler, Pa.
William H. Erb	Summit Hill	2	280	133	128	23	1	5	14	5		11	1	3		67 00	1722 00	16		Lansford, Pa.
Elmer E. Leinbach	Kutztown	2	389	325	155	10		30	7	4			10	1	1	78 14	2849 68	18	35	Kutztown, Pa.
T. W. Dickert	Solomon's, Macungie	1	263	249	99	23		28	11	5			5	3		147 62	1622 59	10	40	Macungie, Pa.
P. A. DeLong	Salisbury	3	675	475	345	30	1	18	14				6	9		226 00	1800 00	17	45	618 Chew St., Allentown, Pa.
N. W. Helfrick, supply																				
R. S. Apple, supply	Greensville	1	190	165	110	6		18		3			2			29 06	215 00	7	10	Hamburg, Pa.
	Lenhartsville	1	83	75	60	6		10						1		18 88	135 00	7	8	
T. N. Reber, supply	West Penn	2	400	276	275	36		45	1	1			14	6		38 60	525 00	12		Sittler, Schuyl. Co., Pa.
L. J. Rohrbach	Trinity	1	175	115	140	2		13	27	7			2	1		63 00	1366 00	7		Allentown, Pa.
P. A. DeLong, supply	Grace Reformed	1	60	42	100	2		7	3				1	1		5 00	2600 00	5		Allentown, Pa.
N. W. Helfrich, supply	Frieden's	1	175	120	6	6		16					5			45 42	150 00			Allentown, Pa.
Albert O. Bartholomew, Lic.																				
Morris E. Schudt, Lic.																				
(1) Daniel E. Schaeffer, Lic.																				
(2) Calvin F. Weiler, Lic.																				

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS, May 30, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate of Prof'n	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contrib'n. Benevolent Purposes.	Contrib'n. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Keyser, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	800	775	550	70	1	38	44	12			15	35		$434	$2000	12	50	Mahanoy City, Pa.
H. Leisse	Bethany	3	389	315	200	22	3	22					8	4		165	550	12	32	Orwigsburg, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Trinity, Pottsville	1	550	352	425	44		9	11	1		11	4	5		633	2500	16	200	5 N. 6th St., Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	290	224	175	29		11	6	4		3	4	4		135	1200	12		Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	750	609	370	51		21	12	5		13	21	7		471	3240	22		Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's, Schuyl. Hav.	1	355	286	170	18		18	7	7		4	7	4		400	2050	10	75	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	292	235	255	32	1	19	6	1			8	2		125	1144	11	125	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	256	207	150	26	1	8	3	1			4	4		134	1381	8	75	Cressona, Pa.
T. J. Bower	Frackville	2	173	158	106	21		11	14	2				5		175	1553	14		Frackville, Pa.
Vacant	Tremont	3	313	253	145	31			2				3	4		25	580	12	42	Tremont, Pa.
R. O'Boyle	Trinity, Shenandoah	1	398	340	350	37		30	7	2		20	4	7		150	1500	10	25	Shenandoah, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	1st Ch., Pottsville	1	300	210	175	17		17	9	2		5	4	8		71	1112	8	20	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	Prin. High School																			Mahanoy City, Pa.
Edw. S. Bromer	Orwigsburg	2	295	252	95	15		10	2	5			4	2		255	1794	11	95	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Elmer S. Noll	Pinegrove	3	512	415	385	88	3	57	13				4	3		135	1200	12	75	Pinegrove, Pa.
I. F. Wagner	Minersville-St. Clair	2	231	186	145	30	3	22	17	3		18	3	4		86	1035	9	25	1122 W. Norwegian St., Pottsville, Pa.
*A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	St. Luke's	1	30	14	25											7	118	4		Broad Mt.
*Geo. W. Gerhard	Port Clinton	1	60	40	80	12							3			15	140	4	16	
*J. J. Fisher	Christ's	1	180	152	160	20			2	4		5	5	3		40	200			
*J. J. Fisher	St. Peter's	1	37	35	35	9			2				3	1		15	75			
*J. J. Fisher	Zion's	1	43	40	40	3			3					1		10	150			
W. J. Muir	Temporarily disabled																			
W. D. Stoyer, Lic.																				
		33	6255	5098	4036	575	12	293	160	49		79	104	103		$3481	$23522	187	855	

*Supply.

REV. W. H. HERBERT, Pres.
Attest: EDW. BROMER, S. C.

WYOMING CLASS June 1, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. Houtz	Orangeville	4	290	253	85	10	5	13		18		27	5	4		$204 00	$715 00	5	55	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.
A.M.Masonheimer,Ph.D.	Weatherly	3	500	350	275	52		33	2	42		2	7	13		212 00	1325 00	14	75	Weatherly, Pa.
D. E. Schoedler	Without charge																			1142 Chew St., Allentown, Pa.
Geo. S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	341	273	122	8	5	23	14	10		10	8	2		165 00	1515 00	14		Watsontown, Northm. Co., Pa.
J. B. Kerschner	Freeland	2	358	315	300	20	1	23	81	2			3	2	1	238 00	1134 00	14		Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Geo. W. Kershner	Christ Church	1	92	47	19	2		5		1			2			51 00	755 00	4		Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y.
David W. Ebbert, D.D.	St. John's, Milton	1	408	309	152	11		2	6	1			5			863 00	2339 00	12	121	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	105	98	88	18		10	2			12	1	1		55 00	640 00	4	25	Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Without charge																			519 N. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
Chas. H. Brandt	Bloomsburg	1	215	147	161	7	1	2	5	4		3	1	2	1	312 00	1145 00	8	80	Bloomsburg, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Zion's, Nanticoke	1	168	137	167	17		10	6	2			6	4		158 00	875 00	6	8	Nanticoke, Pa.
S. C. Meckel	Retired																			Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
C. H. Herbst	St. Paul's, W. Hazleton	1	175	141	130	30	1	30	15	7		13	9	14		130 00	1250 00	12	40	W. Hazleton, Pa.
William D. Happel	Zion's, Wilkes-Barre	1	335	241	260	16	1	17	27			32	2			259 00	2602 00	10	35	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Without charge																			Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa.
Sefellen E. Stofflett	Emanuel's, Hazleton	1	290	215	175	27		10	19	8		10		2		465 79	2900 16	12	130	Hazleton, Pa.
Elias S. Noll	Overton	3	203	138	130	17		19	1				6			59 45	535 00	8	36	Dushore, Pa.
Wm. H. Loose	Mausedale	2	221	180	69	14	3	6	15	3			2	3		115 84	938 68	12		Danville, Pa.
A. H. Herbst	Wapwallopen	6	393	317	286	30		28	3	3		18	8	4		368 00	1232 00	32		Wapwallopen, Pa.
Wm. E. Bushong	Danville	1	286	203	170	7		1	5	5	2		3	3	1	300 00	1430 00	12	75	Danville, Pa.
Geo. W. Welsh	Calvary	1	100	85	50	8	3	2	19	1						67 00	900 00	15	25	718 Gibson St., Scranton, Pa.
Henry A. Welker	1st Ref., Pittston	1	27	21	42	5	1		6		1			1			341 00	4		332 N. Main St., Pittston, Pa.
Joseph W. Bell	Emanuel	2	280	231	126	16	2	29	9			12	4	1		153 00	1062 00	15	35	Strawberry Ridge, Pa.
T. P. Bolliger	St. Luke's	1	91	86	105	14		8	58			6		2		36 44	480 08	10	10	48 Maple St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
William Toennes	Grace, Hazleton	1	400	236	365	39	1	29	47	2		1	15	10		205 00	2556 00	7		Hazleton, Pa.
J. W. Reinecke	St. John's, Butler Val.	1	410	275	150	29	1			3			2		1	200 00	500 00	11	6	St. John's, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Paradise	3	465	342	459	28	2	18	2	16			10	1	2	294 00	1210 00	24	64	Turbotville, Pa.
A. Lobach	Conyngham	3	300	230	170	8			12			4	5		1	100 00	565 00			Conyngham, Pa.
A. Houtz, supply	Brier Creek	1	38	30	13				1			2				15 00	70 00	2	10	Orangeville, Pa.
Lic. E. C. Musselman.																				
Lic. Charles D. Lerch.																				
Ministers, 28; Lic., 2.	Charges, 25.	45	6691	4900	3569	433	27	318	355	128	3	152	104	69	7	$5028 52	$29104 92	297	890	

D. E. SCHOEDLER, Stated Clerk.

READING CLASSIS, MAY, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contrib'n. Benevolent Purposes.	Contrib'n. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	Church Papers.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. Bausman, D.D.	St. Paul	1	760	645	300	22		22	10	2			10	3		$4400	$8985	13		222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Mosser, D.D.	First Church	1	1075	975	800	53	1	39	25	14			11	8		1600	4271	16		611 Washington St., Reading, Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz, D.D.	St. John's, Reading	1	460	380	425	57	3	32	3	5		21	8	7		286	1800	14		911 Chestnut St., Reading, Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D.D.	St. Stephen's	1	665	569	425	27	1	31	21	15		18	6	4		460	6641	8		518 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	St. Mark's	1	396	329	300	26	1	25	7				3	2		315	2176	10		100 Douglas St., Reading, Pa.
J. I. Good, D.D.	Calvary	1	320	305	140	10	1	14	13	2			1		1	347	3524	6		437 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	498	465	300	47		33	40	6		54	2	4		560	2200	9		1260 Spruce St., Reading, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.	Second Church	1	675	580	305	13	3	27	33	7		15	5	1	4	4860	31043	16		228 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas	1	275	239	185	31	3	15	14	5		5	2	3		80	1250	8		851 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.
H. K. Miller	Missionary																			Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	244	190	119	15		7	15	4		10	2			106	1700	10		152 Walnut St., Reading, Pa.
G. W. Gerhard	St. John's, (Hamburg)	1	335	275	200	57		18	10	10			7	3		214	1800	7		Hamburg, Pa.
D. P. Lefever																				Reading, Pa.
Rufus W. Miller	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board																			342 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
J. R. Brown	Schwarzwald	1	620	535	300	35		32	3	10		8	5	10		572	1005	10		Esterly, Berks Co., Pa.
E. Bruce Lyttle	Olivet	1	80	77	75	4		5	7	5		24				83	909	6		1345 Min. Sp'gs. Road, Reading, Pa
J. A. Danner	Alsace	3	850	800	350	47	5	80	9	2		70	19	6		39	1050	15		1102 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
M. L. Herbein	Spies	1	493	390	375	21		34		1			3	4		45	1050	6		1840 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Agt. for Church Record																			New Berlin, Pa.
D. E. Schaeffer	Leesport	4	505	438	180													14		Leesport, Pa.
C. E. Schaeffer																				17 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
†M. L. Herbein	*Trinity	1	15											2			300	5		
Ministers, 21.		23	8266	7182	4779	459	18	414	210	88		225	84	57	5	$13967	$69704	173		

†Supply. *Lately organized.

F. B. HAHN, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

EASTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1898.

CLASSES OF EASTERN SYNOD.	No. of Classes.	No. of Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
East Penna		31	54	10657	8112	6231	559	19	422	397	212		172	188	89	11	$7642	$39126
Lebanon		20	52	10975	9640	5750	494	47	512	105	164		239	202	122	9	4869	38668
Philadelphia		36	35	7058	6111	1861	248	133	312	386	109		224	85	30	18	8926	60367
Lancaster		38	43	6837	5442	2893	269	165	431	198	152		44	125	82	9	6807	29292
East Susquehanna		24	62	6424	5483	3805	583	19	365	156	71		78	105	91	7	4618	27405
West Susquehanna		18	61	5566	4703	2941	249	10	198	148	98		66	69	13	6	6809	20027
Tohickon		20	39	8114	6807	4090	312	67	307	224	110		195	116	60	7	6081	31016
Goshenhoppen		13	28	7178	5954	3784	346	43	255	119	85		58	139	63	4	7562	22140
Lehigh		31	57	13828	11045	7619	815	15	727	310	190		102	315	113	13	8524	48045
Schuylkill		16	33	6255	5098	4036	575	12	293	160	49		79	104	103		3481	23522
Wyoming		28	45	6691	4900	3569	433	27	318	355	128	3	152	104	69	7	5028	29104
Reading		21	23	8266	7182	4779	459	18	414	210	88		225	84	57	5	13969	69704
Eastern Synod, Total	12	296	532	97849	80477	51358	5342	575	4554	2768	1456	3	1634	1627	892	96	84326	438416
Synod of Ohio	6	138	230	23946	19355	6239	836	542	1120	909	534	5	697	282	89	29	17945	101945
German Synod of Northwest	11	154	214	20943	15418	14587	1779	27	1123	799	222	15	571	297	204	33	13977	83340
Pittsburg Synod	5	82	137	18100	15346	9614	892	166	977	774	395	1	468	230	82	10	21396	94173
Potomac Synod	8	164	303	38335	31819	20941	1699	350	1657	807	687	2	506	618	288	48	39100	160487
German Synod of the East	5	64	56	14945	11219	11432	1997	37	853	542	77	1	572	279	260	11	8624	105151
Central Synod	5	94	123	21288	16173	11788	1146	81	971	593	212	2	667	271	150	31	13503	82275
Synod of Interior	5	54	67	3238	2702	1511	117	72	173	170	101		114	39	15	7	4274	23754
Total 8 Synods, 1898	57	1046	1662	239644	192509	187472	14108	1850	11428	7352	3685	29	5229	3643	1980	271	$203145	$1089541
Total 8 Synods, 1897	56	1040	1653	234612	190529	124491	14565	1953	11847	7903	3746	16	5599	4452	1045	271	$233159	$1086198

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Yoder,[1] Cornelius Loose.[1]

3.—Philadelphia Classis.

Revs.: Jno. H. Seehler, D.D.,[1] Chas. H. Coo
Crawford, D.D.,[1 f] Albert S. Bromer,[2 d] Chas.
Jerome B. Henry,[1] G. H. Miller.[1]

Elders: Freeland G. Hobson,[1] H. M. I
Francis C. Hoover,[1] A. D. Simpson,[1] Wm. M. Ha

4.—Lancaster Classis.

Revs.: Jno. H. Pannebecker, D.D.,[1] E. H. K
F. A. Gast, D.D.,[1] D. W. Gerhard,[1] John M. Sond
Glass,[1] Jno. M. Titzel, D.D.[1]

Elders: Jno. W. Appel,[1] Jno. H. Kurzenkun
Heitshu,[1] Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph.D.,[1] Benj. R. Myli
Sheibly.[1]

5.—East Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: J. M. Schaeffer,[1] Robt. O'Boyle,[1] M
C. D. Kressley.

Elders: Curtin H. Keller,[1] C. T. Dechant.

6.—West Susquehanna Classis.

Revs.: Wm. A. Haas,[1] A. A. Black,[1] [illegible]
[illegible]

8.—Tohickon Classis.

Revs.: J. J. Rothrock,[1] B. B. Ferer,[1] D. Scheirer, Jacob Kehm.[1]

Elders: Milton J. Hess,[1 f] Isaac Groff.[1 f].

9.—Lehigh Classis.

Revs.: L. J. Rohrbaugh,[1 d] Geo. B. Smith,[1] Preston A. De Long,[1] Thos. W. Dickert,[1] Elmer E. Leinbach,[1 d] Thos. J. Hacker.[2]

Elders: Milton H. Laros, David Schierer,[1] Reuben H. Kramm,[g] Cosmos Kutz,[2 d] H. W. Doll,[1] A. J. Lohrman.

10.—Wyoming Classis.

Revs.: G. W. Kerschner,[1 d] S. E. Stofflett,[1] D. W. Ebbert, D.D.,[1 f] Wm. D. Happel.[1]

Elders: D. R. Williams,[1] W. D. Moyer,[1] W. A. Smawley,[4] I. A. Eshbach,[2 f] A. M. DeWitt.[1 g]

11.—Schuylkill Classis.

Revs.: O. H. Strunck,[1 d] Jno. J. Fisher.[d]

12.—Reading Classis.

Revs.: S. L. Krebs,[1] B. Bausman, D.D.,[1] H. Y. Stoner,[1] C. S. Gerhard, D.D.[1]

Elders: E. Weidner,[1 d] G. W. Fricker,[2] H. M. Otto.[1]

Rev. Dr. H. T. Spangler, secundus from Philadelphia Classis, occupied from 6th day to the end of sessions the seat of Rev. A. S. Bromer.

Rev. Aaron Noll, secundus from Philadelphia Classis, occupied the seat of Chas. B. Alspach until the 3d day of sessions.

Rev. S. L. Whitmore, secundus from West Susquehanna Classis, occupied from the 6th day of sessions the seat of Rev. Jno. L. Barnhart.

Rev. Thos. N. Reber, secundus from Lehigh Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. E. E. Leinbach from 6th day to end of the sessions.

Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, secundus from Reading Classis,

occupied the seat of Dr. C. S. Gerhard to the 3d day of the sessions.

Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, secundus from Reading Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. H. Y. Stoner from 6th day to end of sessions.

The figures at the end of the names of the delegates indicate the day on which they took their seats; and the letters in their order indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, namely:

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. J. W. Meminger, W. H. Sangree, A. C. Whitmer, J. A. Wickert, Wm. F. Lichliter, Wm. Yenser, S. Schweitzer, B. F. Bausman, O. B. Wehr, N. J. Miller, B. H. Roth, B. M. Meyer, J. G. Dengler, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, A. B. Shenkle, L. C. Harnish, Dr. Theo. Appel.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. Thos. C. Leinbach, I. C. Fisher, I. L. Fluck, Thos. M. Yundt.

Reading Classis.—Revs. Dr. Jno. W. Steinmetz, Dr. H. Mosser, B. F. Hahn, Dr. Saml. R. Bridenbaugh, Chas. E. Schaeffer, Rufus W. Miller, Jno. Ph. Stein, Dr. Jas. I. Good.

Tohickon Classis.—Revs. H. Z. Snyder, J. Rauch Stein.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. J. E. Freeman, Dr. L. K. Evans.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. S. L. Whitmore, Tilgh. Derr, Thos. L. Bickel.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. A. Noll, Glase Gerhard, D. U. Wolff, Dr. H. T. Spangler.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. Prof. J. W. Knappenberger, Thos. N. Reber, Geo. W. Richards.

Schuylkill Classis.—Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. A. M. Schmidt, Dr. Wm. Rupp, Dr. A. E. Truxal, Dr. Cyrus R. Dieffenderfer, Dr. Jno. H. Prugh, C. R. Ferner.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. Dr. W. E. Krebs, C. Sykes, Dr. J. C. Bowman, H. H. Apple, J. C. Leonard, S. S. Miller, H. M. J. Klein, E. B. Lytle, T. Frank Hoffmeier.

German Synod of East.—Rev. G. P. Seibel.

Synod of Interior.—Rev. E. E. Weaver.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following visiting clergymen was announced at intervals, and the brethren were invited to seats in Synod:

Lutheran Church.—Rev. Dr. B. F. Alleman, St. John's Lutheran church, Lancaster, Pa.; Dr. Fry, of Trinity Lutheran church, Lancaster, Pa.

Presbyterian Church.—Dr. J. Y. Mitchel, Rev. David R. Workman.

Methodist Church.—Rev. Ridgeway, St. Paul's Methodist church.

Moravian Church.—Rev. Clarence E. Eberman.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, Rev. B. B. Ferer, Riegelsville, Pa.

Stated Clerk, Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, D.D., Reading, Pa.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, Reading, Pa.

Treasurer.—Elder Jno. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The Bar of the House extended to the twelfth pew from chancel.

The daily sessions began at 9 A. M., and closed at 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The evening sessions began at 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. Dr. J. M. Titzel, Dr. Fred Gast, J. W. Meminger; Elders J. W. Appel and W. A. Heitschu.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. S. A. Leinbach, S. L. Krebs, W. F. More; Elders John L. J. Stoudt and A. M. DeWitt.

Overtures.—Revs. Dr. E. N. Kremer, Robt. O'Boyle, H. Y. Stoner; Elders H. M. Otto and B. B. Mylin.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Dr. John H. Sechler, P. A. DeLong, A. A. Black; Elders A. D. Simpson and G. W. Fricker.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. J. H. Pannebecker, Dr. Jas. Crawford, Geo. A. Schwedes; Elders M. Flory and Franklin Yoder.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. D. W. Gerhard, Geo. B. Walbert, J. J. Fisher; Elders W. A. Smawley and H. W. Doll.

Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College.—Revs. J. J. Rothrock, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, J. M. Souder; Elders John W. Appel and H. R. Knecht.

Missions.—Revs. T. O. Stem, A. J. Bachman, Dr. C. H. Coon; Elders W. D. Moyer and C. K. Keller.

Finance.—Revs. O. H. Strunck, Dr. J. F. DeLong, J. B. Henry; Elders Thos. Kern and W. M. Hardt.

Nominations.—Revs. Dr. H. M. Kieffer, Thos. W. Dickert, D. Sheirer; Elders M. L. Cortright and S. F. Wenner.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. Dr. J. F. DeLong, A. J. Bachman, Geo. B. Walbert; Elders John B. Pennypacker and M. J. Hess.

Publication.—Revs. Thos. Leinbach, Dr. B. Bausman, Dr. D. W. Ebbert; Elders W. M. Hardt and J. W. Appel.

Orphan Home.—Revs. J. Kehm, Geo. B. Smith, I. M. Schaeffer; Elders A. G. Shiebly and M. L. Cortright.

Sunday-Schools.—Rev. Wm. A. Haas, D. Scheirer, H. Y. Stoner; Elders Franklin Yoder and W. A. Heitshu.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming and Reading were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on these Subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod

and the Report of the Treasurer were read and the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Synod was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, and the Treasurer's Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

3. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Synod's Board, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Education of the Theological Seminary, also the Report of Franklin and Marshall College were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on College and Seminary, except the item referring to vacancy, occurring on the College Board which were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and read, also an overture from Pittsburgh Synod, which were referred to Standing Committee on Publication.

6. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

The printed copy of Minutes of Synod at Reading, Pa., was referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to note such items as need the attention of Synod. During the afternoon on Thursday, the Report of the Committee was presented, acted on item by item and adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

Report on Minutes of Eastern Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the official Minutes were referred for examination, submit the following items claiming further consideration, namely:

Item 1, p. 61. The Committee on further endowment of F. and M. College was continued.

Item 2, p. 64. The Stated Clerk was directed to inform

Synod of Pittsburg and Synod of Potomac of the election of Rev. Geo. W. Richards as Professor of Church History.

Item 3, p. 64. The Officers of Synod were instructed to issue a call in proper form to the Professor-elect as soon as apprised of the ratification of the election by the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods.

Item 4, p. 64. A committee of three was appointed to attend to the inauguration of the Professor-elect to the chair of Church History in Theological Seminary.

Item 5, p. 95. A committee was appointed to receive pledges to the amount of $500.00 for a traveling missionary among the Hungarians.

Item 6, p. 95. Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh was appointed to receive voluntary pledges to a fund to be used in aiding Rev. Geo. M. D. Zacharias in his work of procuring copies of early records in Amsterdam, pertaining to history of Reformed Church in this country.

Item 7, p. 96. A special committee was appointed to secure funds for the purchase of Allentown College for Women.

Item 8, p. 102. A committee was appointed to defend the action of Synod before the General Synod on the appeal taken from its decision against the action of East Pennsylvania Classis in regard to St. Mark's church, Easton, Pa.

Item 9, p. 109. The term of office of Dr. Jno. S. Stahr in the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools expires October 1, 1899.

Item 10, p. 109. Stated Clerk was instructed to have printed 3,800 copies of Minutes of Synod.

Item 11, p. 129. The selection of the place for Synod to hold its next annual sessions was referred to the officers of Synod. Respectfully submitted.

STANLEY L. KREBS.

W. F. MORE. A. M. DEWITT.

The action of Synod on the several items contained in the report is as follows: On items 1 and 4, see Art. XIII, College and Seminary; items 2, 3 and 11, attended to; item 5, see Art. XIV, Missions; item 6, see Art. XXII, Miscellaneous; item 7, see Art. XX, Finance; item 8, adopted; item 9, referred to Committee on Nomination; item 10, see Art. XIX, Publication.

Report on Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report on Friday during the morning session. It was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

Item 1, p. 85. Directions as to the payment of monies for mission work among the Germans.

Item 2, p. 89. Apportionment of six cents per member annually for Church Building.

Item 3, p. 89. Missionary societies commended to the sympathy and encouragement of the Synods, Classes and congregations.

Item 4, p. 90. The year 1901 designated as the initial year of the Twentieth Century Movement.

Item 5, p. 90. Synod is urged to hold during its annual session in 1900 a special educational or church-work convention for the purpose of inaugurating said Twentieth Century Movement and to instruct its several Classes as to the method of carrying this movement into effect.

Item 6, p. 128. General Synod requests of the District Synod not the mere promise but the actual payment of apportionments for Foreign Missions.

Item 7, p. 180. Synods and Classes requested to co-operate in interesting the Sunday-schools in the Twentieth Century Movement.

Item 8, p. 180. Synod is requested to take such measures as will secure an offering on Children's Day or some other day from all the schools of the Church for the missionary work of the Sunday-school Board.

Item 9, p. 184. Adoption of Sunday-school Hymnal and recommendation of its use to our schools.

Item 10, p. 186. Stated Clerks of Synod and Classes requested to furnish to Committee of General Synod a complete list of all licensures and ordinations.

Item 11, p. 186. Withdrawel of the appeal of Rev. T. O Stem against action of Synod of 1898.

Item 12, p. 190. Submission to the Classes of the amendment to the constitution authorizing the formation of Classes in languages other than English or German.

Item 13, p. 193. Amendment of Art. 83 of the General Constitution, giving the management of the General Sunday-school work into the hands of General Synod.

Item 14, p. 194. General Synod expresses the desirability of raising the standard for entrance into the Christian ministry, and advises the District Synods to give this subject due consideration.

Item 15, p. 200. Apportionment for benevolence upon this Synod.

(a) Contingent fund, $2,575.00
(b) Home Missions, $27,850.00
(c) Harbor Missions, $490.00.
(d) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, $3,450.00.
(e) Work among the Germans, $2,500.00.
(f) Foreign Missions, $17,150.00.

Item 16, p. 224. General Synod sanctions request of this Synod, amending Art. XXVI in the Rules of Order.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DeLong.
A. J. Bachman. Milton J. Hess.
G. B. Walbert. J. B. Pennepacker.

The action on the several items on the Report on Minutes of General Synod is as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted and the subject-matter referred to Standing Committee on Missions; items 7, 8 and 9 were adopted and subject-matter referred to Standing Committee on Sunday-schools; items 10, 11 and 16 were adopted; items 12 and 13 were referred to the several Classes for their approval or rejection: item 15 was adopted and subject-matter referred to the Committee on Finance for Apportionment.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Report on Overtures was presented to Synod at intervals. The several items were separately considered and finally the Report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Brethren: The Committee on Overtures beg leave to re-

port that the following communications and papers have been referred to it:

1. From the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, stating that said Synods have confirmed the election of Rev. Geo. W. Richards to the Professorship of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

2. From Rev. Geo. W. Richards, announcing his acceptance of the call to the Professorship of Church History in the Theological Seminary.

3. From the Secretary of Catawba College, conveying thanks for appropriation voted said College by Synod.

4. From the same source, asking aid for Catawba College.

5. From the Corresponding Secretary Franklin and Marshall College, announcing a vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

6. From the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, giving a statement of the operations of the Society, and of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

7. An Historical Statement and Financial Report of said Society.

8. From the Board of Home Missions (General Synod), asking for aid for the erection of a church building in Washington, D. C.

9. From the same source, calling the attention of the Synod to the "Twentieth Century Movement."

10. Catalogue of Catawba College.

11. Communication from Pittsburgh Synod concerning publication interests. Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.
ROBERT O'BOYLE. HENRY Y. OTTO.

The action of Synod on the several items contained in the report is as follows: The items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; item 4 was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. E. N. Kremer, Dr. J. H. Sechler and Elder Jacob Rader, see Art XXII, Miscellaneous; item 5 referred to Standing Committee on Nomination; items 6 and 7, referred to special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. C. H. Coon, T. J. Hacker, E. E. Leinbach, and Elders W. M. Leinbach and D. Sheirer, see Art. XX, Benevolent Institutions; items 8 and 9 adopted and sub-

ject-matter referred to Standing Committee on Missions; item 10, Catalogue consigned to Archives; item 11, communication read and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service. The Report of Standing Committee was presented at intervals, and finally it was presented as a whole and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committeee on Religious Services offer the following as their report:

First Reformed Church.—Services preparatory to Communion, Saturday at 7.30 P. M. Liturgical services, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D.D.; sermon, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Synodical Communion, Sunday, 10.30 A. M.; liturgical services, Rev. J. F. DeLong, D.D.; sermon, Rev. B. B. Ferer; Sunday-school at 1.45 P. M.; addresses, Rev. W. E. Krebs, D.D., Rev. Rufus W. Miller; Sunday evening service at 7.30 P. M.; sermon, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. D. W. Ebbert, D.D.; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

St. John's German Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. S. A. Leinbach; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. T. N. Reber.

College Chapel.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.

St. Luke's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. J. L. Barnhart; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. B. B. Ferer; Sunday-school, addresses, Rev. J. F. LeLong, D.D., Rev. Robert O'Boyle and Rev. Thomas W. Dickert.

St. Andrew's Reformed Church.—Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. C. B. Allspach.

Faith Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D.; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. Robert O'Boyle; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. G. A. Schwedes.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D.D.

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church.—10.15, Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D.; 6.15 Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. Tilghman Derr.

First Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. James Crawford, D.D.; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. S. A. Leinbach.

Moravian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. W. F. More.

First Methodist Church—Duke Street.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D.

St. Paul's Methodist Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. A. A. Black; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. Thomas J. Hacker.

Western Methodist Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. D. W. Happel.

Covenant United Brethren Church.—Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. Thos. H. Krick.

Church of God—Bethel.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. C. S. Wieand; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. P. A. DeLong.

Bethany United Evangelical Church.—Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. J. C. Leonard.

Grace United Evangelical Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. J. M. Souder; Sunday evening, sermon, Rev. William A. Haas.

Normal School—Millersville.—9.00, Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.

Salem—Heller's Church.—Sunday morning, sermon, Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach.

Marietta Reformed Church.—Sunday, Rev. S. E. Stofflet.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL.

F. A. GAST. JOHN W. APPEL.

J. W. MEMINGER. W. A. HEITSHU.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Friday evening. It was disposed of item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis begs leave to report that copies of the Minutes of the twelve Classes within the bounds of this Synod were received and the following items noted as claiming Synod's attention:

I.—Irregularities.

East Susquehanna Classis:

1. Notes time of annual meeting of Synod without noting hour of day (p. 9).

2. Gives month, but not day of month when call for a special meeting was issued (p. 4, spec.).

3. Fails to certify to report of Committee on State of Religion.

West Susquehanna Classis:

4. Fails to make any marginal references.

5. Fails to attach seal to report on State of Religion.

II.—Requests.

Tohickon Classis reiterates its overture to Synod to request General Synod to restore the columns for Sunday School Statistics in the parochial Statistical blanks.

III.—Subjects Referred.

The action of the several Classes on the recommendations of Synod was favorable with the following exceptions:

1. East Pennsylvania Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, but does not acknowledge having committed any irregularities (pp. 35, 36).

2. Lebanon Classis (a) assumes only one-half of Synod's apportionment, except that for contingent expenses; (b) it fails to commend the circulation of the *Reformed Church Tidings,* on the ground of the objectionable character of its advertisements.

3. Philadelphia Classis adopts the recommendations of

Synod, excepting that one relating to reporting of arrearages on Benevolence (p. 20).

4. Lancaster Classis (a) does not acknowledge as an irregularity the failure to attach the seal of Classis to the minutes of special meetings in addition to the seal attached to the manuscript minutes for the entire year; (b) the recording of a motion that was lost, and the failure to give full marginal references (p. 24).

5. West Susquehanna Classis does not accept the apportionment of $146 for German Missions, nor of $29.20 for Catawba College (p. 37), but commends both objects to the generous liberality of the people.

6. Goshenhoppen Classis assumes $150 only of the apportionment for Church Building purposes (p. 17); declines to accept the apportionment for German Mission work (p. 17), and does not deem it advisable to appoint a classical agent for Missions (p. 16).

7. Tohickon Classis fails to see any irregularities, as charged by the Synod (p. 18); does not see its way clear to appoint a classical agent for Home and Foreign Missions (p. 18).

8. Lehigh Classis does not acknowledge the failure to attach the seal to each special meeting in manuscript minutes when seal is attached to the Minutes as a whole, and that there is a lack of marginal references.

9. Schuylkill Classis fails to see the irregularity in the time of the special meeting held January 31, 1898, in compliance with the call issued January 17, 1898.

10. Wyoming Classis did not adopt Synod's recommendation to pay the apportionment for Missions promptly (p. 20). It deferred action for another year on the method and rules for carrying forward the work of Beneficiary Education (p. 22); declines to assume the apportionment for Church Building purposes; accepts only $850 of its apportionment of $1528 for Home Missions; only $500 of its apportionment of $913 for Foreign Missions; only $76 of its apportionment of $152 for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, and only $76 of its apportionment of $152 for German Missions.

11. Reading Classis refuses to recognize the irregularity as recorded in Minutes of last year's meeting of Synod (p. 20).

IV.—Charges That Paid Apportionments.

Reading Classis:

St. Paul's Memorial, St. Stephen's, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, Second Reformed, St. Thomas, Faith, St. James, Olivet, Schwarzwald, Leesport.

East Pennsylvania Classis:

First Church, Easton, Dry Land Charge, Grace Reformed Church, Stemton.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received, Nov. 14, 1898, Lic. A. O. Bartholomew from Lehigh Classis, licensed him, Nov. 23rd, 1898, and ordained him as pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Easton, Pa.; received, Jan. 30, 1899, Rev. W. H. Erb from Lehigh Classis and installed him, Feb. 26, 1899, as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Bethlehem, Pa.; received, March 24, 1899, Rev. Geo. W. Remagen from Kansas Classis (Synod of Interior) and installed him, March 30, 1899, as pastor of Reformed Church at Bangor, Pa.; received, June 13, 1899, Lic. W. H. Millhouse from Lehigh Classis, ordained and installed him, July 2, 1899, as pastor of Towamensing charge; installed Rev. W. U. Helffrich on Ascension Day, 1898, as pastor of Christ Church, Bath, Pa.; installed, August 14, 1898, Rev. J. G. Rupp as pastor of Stemton charge; installed, October 4, 1898, Rev. J. M. Kessler as pastor of Reformed Church, Bangor, Pa.; dismissed, October 10, 1899, Lic. Chas. H. Knight to Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac). Rev. Jno. M. Kessler having died, January 19, A. D. 1899, his name disappears from the Classical roll.

2. Lebanon Classis received, November 8, 1898, Rev. E. S. Bromer from Schuylkill Classis, confirmed the call and installed him, November 21, 1898, as pastor of Tabor Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.; dismissed, December 13, 1898, Lic. G. W. Hartman to Schuylkill Classis; received, February 14, 1899, Rev. Henry H. Ranck from Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed the call and installed him, February 26, 1899, as pastor of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.; licensed Samuel H. Stein, May 16, 1899, and dismissed him to Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac); dissolved, October 4, 1899, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. Hilbish and the Bethel charge.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed, May 10, 1899, Messrs. Arthur C. Thomson, Osville R. Frantz, Edwin J. Laros, Albert N. Stubblebine and William H. Sellheim (p. 16); received, November 28, 1898, Rev. R. R. Lackey from Iowa Classis (Synod of Interior) (p. 44), Rev. Glase Gerhard from Lancaster Classis (45), Rev. Warren J. Johnson from Lebanon Classis (p. 46); Rev. Harry W. Bright from Allegheny Classis, (Pittsburgh Synod) (p. 90); received, September 26, 1899, Licentiate Francis Csanfordi from Reformed Church of Hungary, confirmed a call to the Hungarian Evangelical Reformed congregation in Trenton, N. J., and ordained him as its pastor (95); dismissed, May 10, 1899, Rev. R. R. Lackey to Illinois Classis (Synod of Interior (p. 31), Lic. Edwin J. Laros to Lehigh Classis (p. 31), Rev. Henry H. Hartman to Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac) (p. 44); Lic. Edwin W. Lentz to Goshenhoppen Classis (p. 50), Lic. Osville R. Frantz to Lehigh Classis (p. 53), Lic. Arthur C. Thompson to Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac) (p. 80), Rev. Wm. H. Sellheim to Lincoln Classis (Synod of Interior) (p. 84).

4. Lancaster Classis licensed May 12, 1899, William G. Kline, and dismissed him to Allegheny Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh) (p. 55); received, Nov. 5, 1898, Lic. O. B. Wehr, from Lehigh Classis, ordained and installed him, Nov. 12, 1898, in Reformed church, at Willow street, received Nov. 5, 1898, Rev. J. G. Dengler, from Tohickon Classis, and installed him Nov. 13, 1898, at Maytown, Pa.; received July 10, 1899, Rev. Louis C. Harnish from the Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed his call to the Hummelstown charge and made provision for his installation; received July 24, 1899, Rev. A. F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., from Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed his call to First Reformed church, Steelton, Pa., and provided for his installation; received August 25, 1899, Rev. Wm. H. Landis from Juniata Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed his call to Shoop's charge and provided for his installation; dissolved Nov. 5, 1898, the pastoral relation of Rev. Glase Gerhard and the Hummelstown charge, and dismissed him to the Classis of Philadelphia; dissolved, April 11, 1899, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. H. Sangree and the First Reformed Church, Steelton, and dismissed him to the Classis of East Pennsylvania; dissolved, April 11,

1899, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Frank L. Kerr and the Shoop's charge, and dismissed him May 12, 1899, to St. Paul Classis (Synod of Pittsburgh); dissolved, June 24, 1899, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. C. E. Wehler and Manheim charge, and dismissed him August 25, 1899, to Miami Classis (Ohio Synod); dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. J. S. Hartman and Second Reformed church, Harrisburgh, Pa., and dismissed him Sept. 15, 1899, to Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac); dismissed, Nov. 5, 1898, Lic. V. J. Tingler to Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac; dissolved, Sept. 15, 1899, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Dr. I. E. Graeff and Zwingli Reformed church, Harrisburg, Pa., and organized, Nov. 11, 1898, Trinity Reformed congregation at Mountville, Pa.; received Armstrong Valley charge on certificate from East Susquehanna Classis, subject to the approval of Synod.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received, Nov. 17, 1898, Rev. Julius Hamborszky from Evangelical Reformed Synod, of Naygsajo, Transylvania, confirmed the call to St. Matthew's Reformed Slavonian church and installed the brother at the evening service; dismissed him June 7, 1899, to his former relations; received, Jan. 5, 1899, Rev. Robert O'Boyle from Schuylkill Classis, and Rev. A. G. T. Apple, Sept. 27, 1899, from Maryland Classis (Synod of Potomac); dismissed, Nov. 17, 1898, Lic. Geo. A. Stauffer to North Carolina Classis (Synod of Potomac), Rev. F. C. Seitz, April 4, 1899, to Gettysburg Classis (Synod of Potomac), and Rev. H. W. Wissler to Virginia Classis (Synod of Potomac); licensed Henry N. Smith on June 9, 1899, to the gospel ministry; dismissed Armstrong Valley charge, subject to Synod's approval, to Lancaster Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis ordained Lic. Thos. Levan Bickel, May 22, 1898, and installed him pastor at Bellefonte charge; ordained Lic. Martin W. Schweitzer Aug. 30, 1898, and installed him as pastor of Susquehanna charge; received June 21, 1899, Lic. C. E. Correll from Wyoming Classis, confirmed his call, ordained and installed as pastor of Liverpool charge; dismissed, Feb. 14, 1899, Rev. Z. A. Yearick to Schuylkill Classis; Rev. William M. Landis having died July 20, 1899, his name disappears from the classical roll.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis received Lic. Edwin W. Lentz, March 7, 1899, from Philadelphia Classis; dissolved March 7, 1899, the pastoral relation between Rev. O. H. E. Rauch and the Royersford charge; ordained March 22, 1899, Lic. E. W. Lentz and installed him as pastor of the Royersford charge; licensed, May 10, 1899, Messrs. J. Frank Dechant and Chas. A. Mohr to the Christian ministry.

8. Tohickon Classis dismissed Rev. J. G. Dengler to Lancaster Classis; received Lic. Geo. G. Greenawald from Lehigh Classis, ordained and installed, May 31, 1899, as pastor of Sellersville charge; licensed J. Perry Ratzell, May 17, 1899, to preach the Gospel.

9. Lehigh Classis received Rev. D. E. Schœdler, March 16, 1899, from Wyoming Classis; Rev. D. A. Winter, March 16, 1899, from Lincoln Classis (Synod of Interior); Licentiate Edwin J. Laros, May 16, 1899, from Philadelphia Classis, ordained and installed him June 25, 1899, pastor of Landsford charge; received Licentiate O. R. Frantz, Aug. 17, 1899, from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed, Nov. 1, 1898, Lic. A. O. Bartholomew to East Penna. Classis; Lic. O. B. Wehr, Nov. 1, 1898, to Lancaster Classis; Rev. W. H. Erb, Dec. 28, 1898, and Lic. W. H. Millhouse, May 17, 1899, to East Penna. Classis; Lic. Geo. G. Greenawald, May 17, 1899, to Tohickon Classis.

10. Schuylkill Classis received, Feb. 20, 1899, Rev. Z. A. Yearick from West Susquehanna Classis, confirmed his call and installed him Mar. 7, 1899, as pastor of Trinity Ref. church, Shenandoah, Pa.; dissolved, Oct. 18, 1898, the pastoral relation of Rev. E. S. Bromer and the Orwigsburg charge, and dismissed him to Lebanon Classis; received Lic. G. W. Hartman, from Lebanon Classis, Dec. 15, 1898, confirmed his call, and ordained and installed him Dec. 18, 1898, pastor of Orwigsburg charge; dissolved Dec. 15, 1898, the pastoral relation of Rev. R. O'Boyle and Trinity Reformed church, Shenandoah, Pa., and dismissed him to East Susquehanna Classis; dissolved, Sept. 25, 1899, the pastoral relation of Dr. A. R. Bartholomew and Trinity church, Pottsville, Pa., and dismissed him to Lehigh Classis.

11. Wyoming Classis dissolved the pastoral relation of

Rev. C. H. Brandt and the Bloomsburg charge Oct 24, 1898, and dismissed him to Carlisle Classis (Synod of Potomac); received, Oct. 24, 1898, Rev. Albert Lobach from East Penna. Classis, confirmed the call and installed him, Dec. 11, 1898, as pastor of Conyngham charge; dismissed, Mar. 7, 1899, Rev. D. E. Schoedler to Lehigh Classis; received, Mar. 7, 1899, Rev. J. D. Thomas from Tiffin Classis (Ohio Synod), confirmed the call and installed him Mar. 7, 1899, pastor of Bloomsburg charge; dissolved, May 3, 1899, the pastoral relation of Rev. H. A. Welker and Pittston charge, and dismissed him to St. Joseph Classis (Ohio Synod); ordained Lic. C. D. Lerch and installed him pastor of Mausdale charge; licensed, May 16, 1899, Messrs. Charles E. Correll and John K. Adams to preach the Gospel; dismissed Charles E. Correll to West Susquehanna Classis; dismissed, Aug. 1, 1899, Lic. John K. Adams to Allegheny Classis (Pittsburgh Synod).

12. Reading Classis dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle and Olivet charge, Reading,Pa., Oct. 24, 1898, and dismissed him to Zion's Classis (Synod of Potomac); received June 19, 1899, Lic. M. A. Kieffer from Mercersburg Classis (Synod of Potomac), confirmed his call to Olivet Reformed church, and provided for his ordination and installation.

VI.—Place and Time of Next Annual Meeting.

1. *East Pennsylvania Classis* will meet in Grace Reformed church, Stemton, Pa., on the second Monday in May, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. W. H. Wotring, *President;* Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

2. *Lebanon Classis* will meet in Zion's Reformed church, Womelsdorf, Pa., on the first Monday after Ascension Day, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, *President;* Dr. J. E. Hiester, *Stated Clerk;* and Elder Jacob K. Funck, *Treasurer.*

3. *Philadelphia Classis* will meet in Heidelberg Reformed church, Nineteenth and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, May 15th, A. D. 1900, at 8 P. M.

Rev. Henry T. Spangler, D.D., *President;* Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., *Stated Clerk;* Rev. Jerome B. Henry, *Treasurer.*

4. *Lancaster Classis* will meet in Zion's Reformed church,

Millersville, Pa., on Monday, May 14, A. D. 1900 at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Jairus A. Wickert, *President;* Rev. Darius W. Gerhart, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. Dr. J. H. Pannebecker, *Treasurer.*

5. *East Susquehanna Classis* will meet in Zion's Reformed church, Herndon, Pa., on Monday, May 21st, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Chas. H. Mutschler, *President;* Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk;* Elder Geo. Hill, Esq., of Sunbury, Pa., *Treasurer.*

6. *West Susquehanna Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Hublersburg, Centre county, Pa., on third Wednesday in May, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. M. L. Firor, *President;* Rev. William M. Haas, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

7. *Goshenhoppen Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church of Great Swamp, Spinnertown, Bucks county, Pa., on Monday before Ascension Day, May 21st, A. D. 1900 at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. L. K. Evans, D.D., *President;* Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

8. *Tohickon Classis* will meet in Salem Reformed church, Doylestown, Bucks county, Pa., on Monday after Ascension Day, May 28, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. David Scheirer, *President;* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk;* Elder Isaac G. Gerhart, Telford, Pa., *Treasurer.*

9. *Lehigh Classis* will meet in Maiden Creek church, Blandon, Pa., on Monday following second Thursday in May, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. E. E. Leinbach, *President;* Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

10. *Schuylkill Classis* will meet in Emanuel's Reformed church Minersville, Pa., June 4, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. C. E. Bartholomew, *President;* Rev. Wm. D. Stoyer, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. O. H. Strunck, *Treasurer.*

11. *Wyoming Classis* will meet in Shiloh Reformed church, Danville, Pa., May 23, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, *President;* Rev. C. H. Herbst, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. A. Houtz, *Treasurer.*

12. *Reading Classis* will meet in First Reformed church,

Hamburg, Pa., April 22, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Dr. C. S. Gerhard, *President;* Rev. F. B. Hahn, *Stated Clerk;* Dr. J. W. Steinmetz, *Treasurer.*

Your committee commends to your favorable consideration the suggestion of Stated Clerk of Synod that in the compiling of the statistical tables they should bear the date of their adoption at the annual meeting of the several Classes, and that no subsequent changes taking place in the Classes and reported to Synod in the minutes of the special meetings held by the several Classes after their annual meeting, be appended by way of foot-note to the respective statistical tables, but should be noted in the Report on Minutes of Classes under the head of receptions, dismissions, etc., as they now are with the addition of the date of any such action.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER.
A. A. BLACK. A. D. SIMPSON.
P. A. DELONG. G. W. FRICKER.

The several items under the head of Irregularities were adopted. The item under the head of Requests was adopted, and the attention of Tohickon Classes called to the fact that General Synod has ordered the restoration of the columns for Sunday-school Statistics in the Parochial Statistical Blanks.

Under the head of "Subjects Referred," Item 1, sub-item (a) and (b) in 4th item, and item 7 and 8 were referred to special committees consisting of Revs. Dr. J. F. DeLong, J. H. Sechler and Elder Weidler. See Art. XVI.

For action of Synod on sub-item (a) and (b) in item 2, 5, 6 and 10, see Art XVI. The remaining items under this head were adopted.

The items under the head of Licensures and Ordination, and also the items in regard to time and place of the next annual meetings of Classes, were severally adopted. The action suggested by Stated Clerk in regard to the compiling of the statistical tables and favorably commended in the foregoing report was adopted.

The transfer of the Armstrong Valley charge from East Susquehanna Classis to Lancaster Classis was confirmed by action adopted by Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, to wit:

Inasmuch as there was no person referred to us for examination, etc., therefore we do not have anything to report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. SCHWEDES, MILTON FLORY.
J. H. PANNEBECKER,

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

THE STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report on Religion and Morals was presented at the morning session on Tuesday and adopted:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Evidently the kingdom of heaven does not consist primarily in that which can be discerned with the naked eye, or that which can be outwardly touched and handled. It is something deeper, it is the life of Christ as this is revealed in the life of the human family. As all life it is known in its manifestations. Accordingly, we refer to the facts as set forth in the various reports on the State of Religion as evidences of the spiritual condition of the field occupied by this Synod.

As might be expected, the indications are not all of the same order. There are indications of a healthy growth, there are also those of an opposite character.

By comparing the statistics of this year with those of one year ago, we see contrasts that are worthy of our earnest consideration. In 1898 we reported 296 ministers; now we report 306, an increase of ten. Let us be thankful for this and regard it at least as an indication that the Lord is willing to answer our prayer, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest, for the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. The

next item is not quite so encouraging, for instead of reporting an increase of congregations we report a decrease of one, namely, 531 instead of 532 over against last year, and this in the face of the fact that some reports speak of the organization of new congregations. Possibly in some cases the statistics are not as full and complete as they ought to be, we say as they *ought to be,* for even a subject, as dry as our statistics appear to be to some of the brethren, can be studied so as to become a means of grace, for it was when our Saviour saw that the harvest was plenteous and the laborers few, that He instructed the disciples to pray for more laborers. By a further study of our statistics we find that this year we report communicants, 97,-061, or 788 less than last year, when we reported 97,849. The next item is more encouraging for we report communed, 81,131, as over against 80,477 for last year, or a gain of 654, and by adding together the 788, which indicates the loss in numbers for communicants from last year, and the 654, which indicates the increase in those who communed this year, we have a net gain of 1,442 of those who communed. We hope it may be true, as claimed by one of the Classes, that we have here an indication that although we are numerically smaller yet we are morally stronger. In unconfirmed members there is a decrease of 419; of infant baptism a decrease of 154; of adult baptism a decrease of 147; of confirmations a decrease of 384; certificate of reprofession a decrease of 257. It will be noticed that thus far there has been in nearly every column a change of figures in what we usually regard a wrong direction. When we come now to that part of the statistical tables which speaks of losses, we find that the figures for this year are larger than those of last year. Dismissed this year 163 more than last year; erasure of names, an increase of 288; deaths, communicants, an increase of 180; deaths of unconfirmed there is, however, a decrease of 5; students for the ministry, an increase of 2; contributions for benevolence there is a decrease of $4,898; while for congregational expenses there was an increase of $10,689.

So far, then, as our statistics are reliable the state of the Church does not reveal that degree of prosperity which we should like to see. This may, of course, be regarded as a su-

perficial view of the situation, and more especially so because our statistics are in some cases not reported as fully and correctly as the Church has a right to expect. But there are other indications of the same kind. One report tells us that not in a decade has there been such restlessness among both clergy and laity, nor, it goes on to say, have there been so many vacancies in one year as this past year. The report attributes all this not only to industrial depression, but to spiritual decline. Another report finds it important to say that our Saviour found dullness and deadness of heart rendering it barren soil even under His most gracious culture, and encourages its members not to despair under existing conditions in our time. Still another report deplores the fact that the apportionments are not paid and argues neglect on the part of the ministry to forcefully challenge the people, or a spirit of carelessness on the part of the congregations or possibly both. All these things, and some others of a similar character, remind us that in some respects, at least, there is not only room, but an earnest call, for improvement. There is, however, another side to the picture, and it will be a pleasure to look for a little while upon that.

A number of reports speak of the building of new churches; of the remodeling and improvement of old houses of worship, and of the payment of church debts. There are many earnest expressions of gratitude to God for a manifest presence of His grace and help during the year. There are two or three things brought to light that are deserving of special notice.

One report tells us that a new pastoral charge has been created by the request of a congregation numbering one hundred and fifty members. The report very properly goes on to say, This is to be commended and we hope will be an inspiration to large congregations and charges to follow its example in order that better results may accrue unto the greater glory of God. It is particularly when we take the facts here stated as an indication of the silent workings of the Spirit of the Master as a hidden leaven to extend the kingdom of God among the children of men, that we appreciate the full meaning of such a movement. Still more encouraging does it appear when we remember that this is only one indication of a blessed work

that is quietly going forward among our overgrown pastoral charges. We also note with pleasure that one charge is reported in which ninety-five per centum of the members communed. This is all the more significant when it is remembered that a few years ago a congregation was reported as having had every one of its seventy-six members participants in the Lord's Supper for that year. It is not only gratifying that among some of our people there is an appreciation of the blessing in store for a people who avail themselves of an opportunity which admits them into the innermost sanctuary of Christian worship, but it is gratifying in a special sense to know that account is made of this fact, for it argues on the part of our pastors and elders the worthy ambition to have a high average of those who regularly commune. We are glad to take this as one of the evidences of a high moral and Christian standard among our people.

Still another matter is an indication that gives us much encouragement. We have reference to the language made use of in speaking of good work that is being silently carried forward among the younger and more active workers of our people. One report says: It is evident that the Sunday-school and other church auxiliaries, when properly conducted, have become mighty influences and forces for good in the kingdom of Christ and are the means of training and preparing a corps of efficient workers in years to come. Another report says: A matter for great rejoicing is the frequent reference to the activity among the young people in the various congregations. The Sunday-schools and missionary societies seem to be leavening the whole Church. Thus we see that the careful training and guiding of the young is already showing good results.

A third report says: In almost every church there are auxiliary societies that are in a most flourishing condition.

A fourth report says: The cheering reports of the Sunday-school work and of the activity manifested in the different societies of the Church show that ministers and people are aware of the latent power in our young people and are making use of every possible means to utilize and develop it. Without giving any more extracts on this point, suffice it to say, that more testimony of the same character could be easily produced. We

would simply add that on no one point are the reports so in harmony with each other as on this point of encouragement by reason of the hopeful condition in the work being accomplished throughout the Church by the Sunday-school and other auxiliaries of the Church. And as these agencies include very largely the most active portion of our membership we regard the indications as promising much in the way of favorable results for the extension of the kingdom of heaven. Especially favorable do we regard these indications as the Church is about to undertake its share in forwarding the Twentieth Century Movement which has for its object the extension of the kingdom of heaven throughout the world.

The conclusion of the whole matter, then, is that while in the reports, as they come to us from various sections of the Church, there is a loud call for more earnest consecration of our people to the Master's service and for conscientious care in reporting correctly the results so far as this can be done. There is also a great deal, that is encouraging, in this that among those who are usually the most active there is manifest a spirit of loyalty, devotion and activity, that speaks well for the good seed that is now being sown and for the rich harvest which we have a right to expect both in the enlargement of numbers and also in moral and spiritual advancement.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GERHARD.

G. B. WALBERT. J. J. FISHER.

ARTICLE XIII.

F. AND M. COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors.

(a).—Report of Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 9, 1899, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-

President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1899.

The Treasurer reported that he had received one thousand dollars ($1,000) from Lewis Shriver, to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove Fund.

The Board was obliged to incur necessary expenses upon the building occupied by Rev. G. W. Richards, Professor of Church History, amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars ($800).

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, the agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund, reported that he had twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) in hand, which he is prepared to turn over to the proper authorities, after action has been taken by the Pittsburgh Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

The Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposition of Dr. and Mrs. Swander be accepted, and that the matter be referred to the Pittsburgh Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, for such action as may be required in the premises, and that Rev. Dr. William Rupp be appointed to present this matter to the bodies above referred to.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the sum of nineteen hundred dollars ($1,900) from the executors of the Laird Estate.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to the amount that may be assumed by the Synods to meet the deficiency in the current expense account, they be requested to make full provision for the payment of the necessary improvements, recently made in the professor's house, now occupied by Professor Richards and his family, amounting to eight hundred dollars ($800).

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) toward the payment of the current expenses, and eight hundred dollars ($800) in payment of the extraordinary expenses incurred in necessary im-

provements to the house occupied by Prof. Richards, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	$900.
Pittsburgh Synod	300.
Potomac Synod	600.

Resolved, That the Synod's attention be called to the fact that owing to the failure of the Synods in paying over the amounts annually required for current expenses, the treasury is constantly overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, Pa., Oct. 5, 1899.

Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

LANCASTER, October 2, 1899.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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Oct. 1.	For interest,	Isaac Heyser	30 00
Oct. 1.	"	E. L. Stehman, to Oct. 1, 1898	30 00
Oct. 1.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to Oct. 1, 1898	120 00
Oct. 1.	"	A. A. & A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1898	78 00
Oct. 3.	"	Saml. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1898	75 00
Oct. 3.	"	W. H. Rinier, on account	40 00
Oct. 3.	"	Loan	12 50
Oct. 3.	"	Lancaster Trac. Co. Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1898	137 50
Oct. 12.	"	Kieffer Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899	237 50
Oct. 15.	"	Cook Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899	30 00
Oct. 15.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account	20 00
Oct. 17.	"	Simmons property, on account	4 00
Oct. 21.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, to April 1, 1898	140 00
Oct. 21.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, on account	60 00
Nov. 1.	"	Baltimore & Harrisburg Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898	23 00
Nov. 1.	"	Scranton Traction Co. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898	30 00
Nov. 1.	"	Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkesbarre R. R. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898	28 00
Nov. 5.	"	John F. Bassler, on account	12 50
Nov. 21.	"	Simmons property, rent, $8.00; Dec. 31, $6.00	14 00
Nov. 28.	"	St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898	106 00
Dec. 1.	"	Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to Dec. 1, 1898	150 00
Dec. 5.	"	Loan	15 00
Dec. 14.	"	Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, '99	12 00
Dec. 14.	"	St. Stephen's Chapel, to Oct. 29, '98	6 00
Dec. 20.	"	Lane & Co., to Oct. 1, 1898	42 50

1899.			
Jan. 2.	"	Lebanon E. L. Co., dividend to Jan. 1, 1899	17 40
Jan. 28.	"	C. Ahrens Mort., to Feb. 1 1899	180 00
Jan. 28.	"	W. U. Hensel, on account	25 00
Feb. 20.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account	12 00
Feb. 25.	"	E. E. Smith, in full	61 00
Mar. 8.	"	Springfield W. Co. Bonds, to March 1, 1899	37 50
Mar. 8.	"	Berwyn W. C. Bonds, to March 1, 1899	60 00
Mar. 15.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account	15 00
Mar. 15.	"	Jacob Heyser, on account	200 00
Mar. 21.	"	A. A. Fritz, to April 1, 1899	78 00
Mar. 22.	"	Simmon property, on account	8 00
Mar. 28.	"	Aaron Cunkle, to April 1, 1899	38 50
Mar. 29.	"	Isaac S. Groff, to April 1, 1899	82 50
Mar. 29.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to April 1, 1899	120 00
Mar. 30.	"	M. B. Hartman, to April 1, 1899	155 55
Mar. 30.	"	W. U. Hensel, to April 14, 1899	180 00
Mar. 30.	"	W. U. Hensel, to April 1, 1899	145 00
Mar. 30.	"	F. J. Westley, to April 1, 1899	48 00
Mar. 30.	"	S. M. Keen, to April 1, 1899	75 00
April 1.	"	Henry Keen, to April 1, 1899	60 00
April 1.	"	S. C. Johnson, to April 1, 1899	90 00
April 3.	"	G. & E. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1899	110 00
April 4.	"	Lancaster Trac. Co., to April 1, '99	137 50
April 8.	"	W. F. Hambright, to April 17, 1899	75 00
April 11.	"	Kieffer Legacy, to April 1, 1899	237 50
April 11.	"	Cook Legacy, to April 1, 1899	30 00
Mar. 12.	"	W. S. Martin, Treas., to April 1, '99	100 00
April 13.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account	15 00
April 22.	"	Loan	1 60
May 1.	"	Simmons property, on account	8 00
May 4.	"	Lehigh Classis, to April 1, 1899	30 00
May 10.	"	W. End Trac. Bond, to May 1, '99	2 50
May 10.	"	Scranton Trac. Co. Bond, May 1, '99	30 00
May 10.	"	Sunbury H. & W. Bond, to May 1, 1899	28 00
May 10.	"	Baltimore & H. R. R. Bond, to May 1, 1899	23 00
May 17.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, on account	50 00
May 18.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, on account	100 00
May 30.	"	Zion's Classis, to June 1, 1899	3 04
June 1.	"	Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to June 1, 1899	150 00
June 1.	"	St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to May 15, 1899	106 00
June 1.	"	Loan	7 50
June 5.	"	Simmons property, June rent, 1899	8 00
June 12.	"	Gay, Bair & Lane	13 78
June 13.	"	Lebanon E. L. Co., in full	31 30
June 13.	"	Lane & Co., to June 9, 1899	48 58
June 13.	"	Amos Christ, to April 1, 1899	90 00
June 14.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, to April 1, 1899	110 00
June 15.	"	Jacob Heyser, in full to date	360 67
July 10.	"	Harrisburg Bridge dividend, July 1, 1899	4 50
July 11.	"	Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., dividend Nos. 47 and 48	40 00

July 14.	"	St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, to June 1, 1899.....	25 00
July 19.	"	Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1899...	15 00
July 24.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account...	10 00
Aug. 15.	"	Loan, to date.....	71 25
Aug. 17.	"	Simmons property, rent.....	3 00
Aug. 22.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, to April 1, '99	10 50
Aug. 31.	"	Berwyn W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, 1899	60 00
Aug. 31.	"	Springfield W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, '99	37 50
Sept. 1.	"	Goodell Sons Co. Mort., to Sept. 1, '99	60 00
Sept. 9.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to Oct. 1, 1899..	115 84
Sept. 13.	"	A. A. Fritz, on account.....	68 80
Sept. 15.	"	Locher Sons, to date.....	250 00
Sept. 18.	"	W. U. Hensel, to coupons.....	25 00
Sept. 19.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, to Oct. 1, 1899	75 00
Sept. 21.	"	E. M. Eshleman, to Oct. 1, 1899...	162 00
Sept. 25.	"	Loan, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	15 00
Sept. 26.	"	E. Smithgall, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	27 50
Sept. 27.	"	A. A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	9 20
Sept. 29.	"	Sem'y Aid transferred in part.....	591 21
Sept. 30.	"	Simmons property, rent.....	3 00
Sept. 30.	"	Lancaster Trac. Co., to Oct. 1, 1899	137 50
			$6,865 72

Cr.

1898.			
Oct. 1.	By	balance due Treasurer to date.....	$4,948 76
Oct. 1.	"	Frankford & Heinitsh.....	5 10
Oct. 1.	"	C. B. Davis, elocution.....	50 00
Oct. 6.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....	181 42
Oct. 6.	"	Electric light bill for September, 1898.....	1 30
Oct. 7.	"	Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1898.....	75 00
Oct. 12.	"	Wickersham Printing Co., bill.....	2 75
Oct. 12.	"	Sem'y water bill, by meter.....	5 85
Oct. 24.	"	Insurance on Becker property.....	6 89
Nov. 7.	"	Mrs. Thos. G. Apple, by order of Board.....	100 00
Nov. 7.	"	Sem'y electric light bill, Nov. 1, 1898.....	4 30
Nov. 7.	"	Sem'y gas bill, Nov. 1, 1898.....	1 30
Nov. 7.	"	E. V. Gerhart. D.D., salary account.....	200 00
Nov. 7.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account.....	200 00
Nov. 7.	"	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....	50 00
Nov. 14.	"	Sem'y ad. in Church Almanac, 1899.....	20 00
Dec. 5.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899...	175 00
Dec. 5.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....	175 00
Dec. 6.	"	C. B. Davis, elocution.....	125 00
Dec. 10.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for November.....	3 20
Dec. 22.	"	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....	100 00
Dec. 24.	"	Treasurer's salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....	75 00
1899.			
Jan. 6.	"	Electric light bill to Jan. 1, 1899.....	3 68
Jan. 8.	"	Sem'y water bill, by meter, to Jan. 1, 1899....	15 75
Jan. 21.	"	Int. to Jan. 1, '99, on Bowman Trust Fund...	12 00
Jan. 28.	"	John H. Brown's bill for work.....	18 50
Feb. 2.	"	John Best's bill.....	2 61
Feb. 8.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for January, 1899....	2 96
Feb. 8.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary on account.....	200 00
Feb. 8.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary on account.....	200 00
Feb. 23.	"	L. B. Herr's bill.....	1 50
Mar. 2.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for February, 1899...	3 36
Mar. 3.	"	Jacob Pontz, brick bill.....	2 50

Mar. 6.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899..	175 00
Mar. 6.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899.....	175 00
Mar. 8.	"	Treasurer's salary to April 1, 1899.....	75 00
Mar. 16.	"	Samuel Lander's bill of painting.....	90 00
Mar. 23.	"	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on salary.....	100 00
Mar. 23.	"	Rissner's bill.....	88
Mar. 23.	"	Henry F. Auxer's bill of repairs.....	43 66
Mar. 23.	"	John W. Brook's bill.....	2 50
Mar. 25.	"	Post. of stamps, E. V. G., catalogues.....	6 00
Mar. 28.	"	Bill of sundries for Seminary.....	6 38
Mar. 29.	"	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, to April 1, 1899.....	40 00
April 7.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....	20 00
April 7.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....	74 63
April 7.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for March, 1899.....	2 96
April 10.	"	Water bill by meter, to April 1, 1899.....	4 00
April 11.	"	Lancaster "Intelligencer," bill for catalogues	61 15
April 13.	"	Simmons property, tax, 1898.....	8 10
April 13.	"	B. B. Martin & Co., coal.....	30 00
April 13.	"	Hager Bros.' bill, paper hanging, etc.....	75 00
April 14.	"	Work at Professor's house.....	6 52
April 19.	"	Int. paid on Sacred Rhetoric Fund, May 9,'99	20 23
April 25.	"	Smithgall's bill, digging pits, etc.....	50 00
May 2.	"	City water tax on Professor's and Janitor's houses.....	43 20
May 2.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for April, 1899.....	80
May 3.	"	Geo. W. Hull's bill.....	57
May 3.	"	Int. to May 8, '99, on Schaff Prize Fund.....	100 00
May 5.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
May 5.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
May 5.	"	Smaltz Fund, interest to April 1, 1899.....	125 00
May 12.	"	Fridy's bill of work E. V. G.....	4 00
May 20.	"	Sundry bills paid.....	2 23
May 24.	"	Five years' interest on Seminary property, to May 30, 1904.....	420 00
May 31.	"	Repairing roof.....	2 25
June 2.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for May, 1899.....	1 76
June 6.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899...	175 00
June 6.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899.....	175 00
June 6.	"	Sem'y ad, in "Oriflamme," 1899.....	10 00
June 13.	"	Lancaster Trust Co., Treasurer's bond.....	50 00
June 14.	"	Samuel Lander's bill, painting.....	15 00
June 23.	"	Wheelbarrow for Seminary use.....	3 00
June 26.	"	Treasurer's salary to July 1, 1899.....	108 33
June 27.	"	Jacob Pontz's bill.....	2 10
June 30.	"	Lane & Co. bill, safe, desk and L. press.....	25 00
July 3.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
July 7.	"	Sem'y electric light bill, 80c.; P. O. box, $1..	1 80
July 10.	"	Simmons property, repairs.....	1 00
July 10.	"	Gerhart property, repairs.....	2 50
July 15.	"	Sem'y water bill, by meter.....	4 75
July 17.	"	Fire tax on Simmons property.....	5 80
Aug. 1.	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....	41 91
Aug. 1.	"	Sundry bills paid.....	3 10
Aug. 2.	"	Herr & Snavely's bill.....	3 00
Aug. 11.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
Aug. 17.	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....	50
Aug. 23.	"	D. S. Miller's bill.....	4 40
Sept. 1.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899...	175 00
Sept. 1.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....	175 00
Sept. 2.	"	Treasurer's salary, on account.....	40 00

Sept. 5.	"	Sem'y electric light bill for August, 1899....	80
Sept. 5.	"	Sundry bills for labor.....	1 69
Sept. 9.	"	E. J. Wisner's bill of repairs.....	5 00
Sept. 11.	"	Interest paid on Smaltz Fund, to Oct. 1, 1899	125 00
Sept. 11.	"	Interest paid on Clopp Legacy, to Oct. 1, '99	40 00
Sept. 11.	"	W. U. Hensel, Atty., prof. serv. to Oct. 1, '99	50 00
Sept. 11.	"	Library Fund, interest paid to Oct. 1, 1899...	52 80
Sept. 11.	"	Jacob Forney Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99	45 00
Sept. 11.	"	Henry Wirt Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, 1899	45 00
Sept. 11.	"	Louis E. Schriver Alc. Fund, int. to Oct.1,'99	26 67
Sept. 11.	"	Sem'y Class '94 Alc. Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99	8 00
Sept. 19.	"	Error in Cr. of July 14, 1899, St. John's Ch., Shamokin.....	25 00
Sept. 26.	"	Jas. Smithgall, salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....	210 00
Sept. 27.	"	H. L. Heisse, electrical bill.....	12 50
			$11,211 20
Sept. 30.		Amount Dr. brought forward.....	6,865 72
Oct. 1.		Balance due Treasurer.....	$4,345 48

Seminary Aid Fund.

DR.

1898.		
Oct. 5.	To amount paid by Tohickon Classis.....	$16 00
Oct. 12.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	89 00
Oct. 15.	To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....	140 00
Oct. 17.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	23 00
1899.		
March 8.	To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis.....	3 00
April 8.	To amount paid by Dr. J. H. Pennebecker, Treasurer Lancaster Classis.....	27 25
April 11.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	24 00
May 1.	To amount paid by Church of the Ascension, Norristown.....	13 00
May 4.	To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....	100 00
May 5.	To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis.....	8 00
May 8.	To amount paid by D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis.....	45 94
May 10.	To amount paid by I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis.....	40 83
June 1.	To amount paid by George Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis.....	25 81
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....	242 62
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	12 00
Sept. 4.	To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....	150 00
Sept. 15.	To amount paid by Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	16 00
		$976 45

		Less the sum of $385.24, deducted and credited to Seminary Grounds Account. Special.....	385 2
		Charged to Treasurer, September 29, 1899, in his account to the Board.....	$591 2

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

		Amount of fund is.....	1,819 9

Dr.

1898.				
Oct.	1.	For balance due fund.....		$122 0
Oct.	1.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1,'97,		60 0
1899.				
May	11.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '98,		30 0
Sept.	11.	For interest paid by Treasurer to October 1 '99..		52 8
				$264 8

Cr.

1898.				
Oct.	7.	By order paid W. H. Millhouse.....	$8 04	
Oct.	11.	" " F. A. Gast, D.D.....	4 75	
Nov.	17.	" order per W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	11 16	
Nov.	22.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	15 20	
Dec.	8.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	11 65	
1899.				
Feb.	20.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	8 10	
Mar.	2.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	2 30	
April	20.	" bill paid for ocean freight, etc.....	11 55	
April	29.	" Dr. Rupp's order as Sec'y.....	5 42	
June	23.	" Moore & Co. bill, of London, Eng.	32 08	
June	23.	" Scribner's Sons' bill.....	1 23	
July	11.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	2 30	
July	24.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	3 62	
July	24.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec., May 8,'99	2 50	
Oct.	1.	Balance due fund.....	144 91	
				$264 8
Oct.	1.	Balance due fund is.....$144 91		

Smaltz Fund Account.

1899.			
		Principal is.....	$5,000 0

Dr.

Oct.	1.	For interest received on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899.....	250 0

Cr.

1899.			
Oct.	1.	By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Board of Education.....	$250 0

William A. Wilt Fund.

		Amount of Fund is.....	$833 33
1899.			
Oct.	1.	Interest on same to October 1, 1899, is $41.66, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.	

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

		Principal is.....		$2,000 75
1899.				
May	8.	For interest due Fund to date.....	$114 95	

Cr.

1899.				
May 8.	By prize paid Chas. E. Correll..$100 00			
	By sundry charges..... 1 48			
			101 48	
May 8.	Due Fund.....		$13 47	

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

	Amount of Fund is.....		$465 47

Dr.

1899.			
May 8.	For interest on Fund to date.....	$20 23	

Cr.

May 8.	By prize paid Robt. M. Kern....$20 00		
	By sundry charges..... 23		
		$20 23	

The John L. Riegel Fund.

	Amount of Fund is.....		$15,680 00
	Interest on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899, accounted for by Treasurer in his Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary.		

Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.

	Amount of Fund is.....		$1,000 00
Oct. 1.	To balance due fund.....	$144 15	
1899.			
Sept. 11.	Interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1899.....	45 00	
			$189 15

Cr.

1898.			
Nov. 17.	By order paid. Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	$2 84	
Nov. 22.	" "	5 50	
Dec. 3.	" "	15 25	
1899.			
Feb. 20.	" "	2 50	
Mar. 2.	"	5 40	
April 29.	" "	6 00	
June 23.	By Moore & Co., bill.....	3 94	
June 23.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	2 50	
Oct. 1.	" Balance due fund.....	145 22	
			$189 15
Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....$145 22		

Henry Wirt Seminary Alcove Fund.

	Amount of Fund is.....		$1,000 00
	To balance due fund, Oct. 1, 1898.....	$103 33	
1899.			
Sept. 11.	To interest due fund, to Oct. 1, 1899...	45 00	
			$148 33
Mar. 1.	By order from W. Rupp, Sec'y.....	$13 08	
June 23.	By Moore & Co., bill paid.....	37 65	
			50 73
Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....		$97 60

Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund.

1899. July	1.	Amount of notes in hands of Treasurer.....		$981 0
		Amount of notes paid.....		303 0
				$678 0
		Cr.		
1899. Oct.	1.	By interest due Fund.....	$18 00	

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1898. Oct.	1.	Amount of principal of Fund.....		$29,864 6
1899. March	11.	Received of W. R. Barnhart.....		10 0
Oct.	1.	Amount of funds.....		$29,874 6
		Dr.		
		For sundry interest received on said fund, from Sept. 13, 1898, to Sept. 11, 1899.....	$1,730 25	
		Cr.		
1899. Sept.	14.	By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D.....	$1,730 25	

Endowment Fund Statement.

1898. Oct.	1.	For amount of Fund reported to date.....		$91,892 7
Oct.	4.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate.....		444 6
Nov.	1.	For amount St. Paul's congregation, Fort Washington, Pa., per J. B. Henry, pastor.....		10 00
1899. Jan.	1.	For amount received of John Barclay, Esq., one of the Executors of the Hon. H. P. Laird, deceased, a bequest by will of said deceased.....	$2,000 00	
		Less State Tax on same.....	100 00	
				1,900 00
July	10.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate, to June 3, 1899.....		1,711 54
				$95,958 87

Louis E. Shriver Alcove Fund.

		Dr.		
1899. Jan.	21.	For amount of Fund.....		1,000 00
		Cr.		
		By interest due on same to Oct. 1, 1899	$26 67	

Statement of Funds in Hands of Treasurer.

1899. Oct.	1.	Endowment Fund.....	$95,958 87
		Library Fund.....	1,819 96
		Smaltz Fund.....	5,000 00
		William A. Wilt Fund.....	833 33
		Schaff Prize Fund.....	2,000 75
		Sacred Rhetoric Fund.....	465 47

John L. Riegel Fund	15,680 00
Jacob Forney Fund, Alcove	1,000 00
Henry Wirt Fund, Alcove	1,000 00
Louis E. Shriver Fund, Alcove	1,000 00
Seminary Class '94 Fund, Alcove	981 00
Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	29,874 64
	$155,614 02

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have examined same, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Committee.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 5th, 1899.

Lecture Fund Statement.

1898.			(No principal.)
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund	$11 66	
Oct. 17.	For amount paid by Pittsburgh Synod,	40 00	
1899.			
May 10.	For amount paid by Robt. M. Kern	8 90	
			$60 56
	CR.		
Oct. 1.	By orders paid to date, $15 and $7		22 00
	Due Fund		$38 56

(b).—Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN: The undersigned presents the following as the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

1. The institution was opened September 8th, 1898, when the following persons were admitted to the *Junior Class:* J. M. Bean, F. S. Borkey, J. L. Bowers, Wm. S. Cramer, Wm. F. Curtis, A. C. Dieffenbach, I. H. DeLong, W. F. DeLong, H. L. Fogleman, J. T. Fox, W. E. Harr, A. W. Kaske, J. H. Keller, W. A. Kepner, H. R. Kreider, G. W. Kerstetter, E. E. Kresge, D. L. Laudenslager, C. Long, H. Obold, R. J. Pilgram, H. H. Rupp, D. I. Schaeffer, W. G. Seiple, W. C. Slough, H. H. Wiant. Of these, twenty-three are college graduates: Of F. and M. College, 19; of Calvin, 1; of Catawba, 1; of Ursinus, 1; of Johns Hopkins, 1. Total, 26.

2. The *Middle Class* consists of the students who were admitted to the *Junior Class* in 1897. Total, 11.

3. One member of the *Senior Class* was expelled in Jan-

uary last. Three members were admitted at the opening of the Seminary year: Wm. E. Lampe, from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Joseph P. Ratzell and Robert F. Reed, from Union Theological Seminary. The members of this class stood approved examinations, and the testimonial of graduation was granted them. They are: J. K. Adams, E. L. Coblentz, C. E. Correll, J. F. Dechant, C. H. Faust, W. S. Fisher, A. H. Ginder, G. G. Greenawald, M. A. Kieffer, W. G. Klein, C. H. Knight, W. E. Lampe, W. H. Millhouse, W. A. McClellan, J. P. Ratzell, R. F. Reed, H. N. Smith, S. H. Stein, W. D. Yearick. Total, 19.

4. Rev. A. C. Snyder, having pursued the post-graduate course prescribed by the catalogue, was named to the college faculty with the recommendation that he receive the degree of B.D. The degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees of the College.

5. Three special lectures were delivered during the winter term by Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., Rev. C. Clever, D.D., and Rev. C. J. Musser. Missionary day was observed by special services, the consideration of missionary topics and a liberal collection for missions. Addresses were made by Rev. G. W. Stibbitz, and Rev. Dr. Burrell, of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church, New York.

6. Satisfactory arrangements were made with Prof. Claude B. Davis for the continuance of his valuable instruction in elocution and oratory during the entire year. Measures looking toward the permanent employment of a Professor of Oratory were taken by the Board, a committee of which was instructed to act conjointly with the Board of Trustees of the College. In this connection the following action is respectfully referred to the favorable consideration of your reverend body:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors overtures the three Synods to provide the sum of $600 for the year 1899-1900, for a teacher of elocution, to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, $300; Potomac Synod, $200; Pittsburg Synod, *$100.*

(The Synodical Committee please notice above entry.)

7. Owing to the decease of our esteemed Professor, Thos. G. Apple, D.D., the course in Church History was provided for as follows: *Juniors,* once a week, under Dr. Bowman; *Middlers,* once a week, under Dr. Gast; *Seniors,* twice a week under Dr.

Rupp. The extra labors of these brethren were gratefully appreciated by the Board.

8. Excepting the sad case of discipline reported above, the students maintained a good standing as to Christian character. However, cases of absence from recitation and from the religious services of the institution, were too frequent, and for reasons which the Board could not approve. It therefore directed the Faculty to prepare a record sheet to contain information concerning the studies and conduct of each student during the year. The design of such record is also to furnish the Classes with a more detailed report than they now receive of the standing and progress of the students under their care.

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 20, 1899.

(c).—Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend the Eastern Synod:

The Board of Education organized for the current year by electing the following officers:

Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa., *President;* Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, Lancaster, Pa., *Secretary;* Mr. John Hertzler, Lancaster, Pa., *Treasurer.*

During the last year the Board aided six students for the ministry, and has voted aid to the same number for this year. In the last year the Classis of Lancaster aided four, the Classis of Lehigh five, and the Classis of Tohickon two students; and in the current year the Classis of Lancaster will aid four, the Classis of Lehigh two, and the Classis of Tohickon three. The whole number aided last year is seventeen; five of whom completed their studies and were graduated, and are in the active work of the ministry; and the number aided this year is fifteen.

The Board has provided itself with a corporate seal. The device of this seal is Kehren's Good Shepherd, with the words, in Greek lettering, *Ego eimi o poimen o kalos;* the whole being surrounded by the title of the Board and the year of its organization.

Within the year Rev. Louis F. Zinkhan refunded the $25.00 aid received by him while a student; and contributions were

received from Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., $30.00, and Mr. T. Parke Bucher, $5.00; a total of $60.00.

On request the Board cancelled the obligations of twenty former beneficiaries, aggregating in amount, $4,986.65; and also the obligations of five others who died within the year, amounting to $771.00; a total sum of $5.757.65.

A copy of the Treasurer's annual report for the year beginning May 10, 1898, and ending May 8, 1899, is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. LICHLITER,
Secretary of the Board of Education.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 18, A. D. 1899.

Jno. Hertzler, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand		$1,174 15	
Interest and dividends on investments		531 00	
Collections and contributions		60 00	
Offerings of churches:			
First Church, Easton, Pa	$7 50		
Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa	34 14		
St. Paul's Church, Ft. Washington, Pa	32 00		
Per Treasurer Classis of Philadelphia	30 00		
		103 64	
From Classis of Lehigh		441 43	
From Classis of Tohickon		225 00	
From Classis of Lancaster		292 25	
			$2,827 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bank check stamps	$2 00	
Rubber stamp	40	
William F. Lichliter, salary and postage	53 12	
Corporate seal stamp	5 75	
Account book	72	
To students aided by the Board	680 00	
To students of Classis of Lehigh	630 00	
To students of Classis of Lancaster	330 00	
To students of Classis of Tohickon	225 00	
Balance in the treasury	900 48	
		$2,827 47

Respectfully submitted, JNO. HERTZLER, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the above account, and compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct as stated, with a balance of $900.48.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JONATHAN E. HIESTER.

LANCASTER, PA., May 9, 1899.

Attest: WM. F. LICHLITER, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 18, 1899.

(d).—Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

At the last annual commencement the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon the thirty-four members of the graduating class, as follows: Robert Lee Bair, Frank Kauffman Baker, Henry Kreitzer Benson, John Henry Bridenbaugh, Edwin David Bright, William Peiper Cooper, Ernest Newton Evans, Joseph Elmer Guy, Martin Mylin Harnish, George Calvin Hay, William Stager Helman, Paul Adams Herr, Edwin Roulette Keedy, Oliver Blaine Kern, Henri Louis Grandlienard Kieffer, William Aaron Kunkle, Aaron Miller Longenecker, Harry David Martin, Walter Franklin Martin, Elwood Ankeney McLaughlin, Waldemar Eric Metzenthin, Franklin Pierce Miller, Sylvester Zerphy Moore, Edgar Charles Nagle, James Oliver Oswald, Guy Sprenkle Rebert, Charles Henry Remsburg, Edwin Tracy Rhodes, Frederick Biesecker Shaffer, John Hamilton Smith, Hugh Andrews Stahr, John Barr Stauffer, Spencer Doyle Wareheim, Wilson Alfred Wert.

The degree of A.M., in course, was conferred upon the following graduates: Paul Cessna Gerhart (to be added to last year's list), Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, C. Reese Eby, Esq., Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, Rev. Theo. C. Hesson, K. C. H. Dreschel, A. Lee Shulenberger, M. S. H. Unger, H. D. Beachley, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Robert H. Bowers, John Atlee Nauman, Esq.

At the request of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary the degree of B.D. was conferred on the Rev. Addison C. Snyder.

For meritorious work in historical research, the degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon J. Watts de Peyster.

The following received the honorary degree of D.D.: The Revs. D. B. Schneder, L. Kryder Evans, Walter E. Krebs, and John P. Stein.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon the Hon. John B. McPherson, of Harrisburg.

The last college year was in all respects satisfactory and prosperous. The total enrollment, as was anticipated at the beginning of the last year, was not quite as large as that of the year before, and yet the attendance was good and exhibited

what may fairly be called a steady *average* increase. The whole number on the roll during the year, including two graduates and six special students, was one hundred and sixty-five. The number of new students admitted this year is considerably larger than last year, consisting of fifty-one Freshmen and Specials, four Sophomores and three Juniors, making fifty-eight new students in all.

The prosperous condition of the Academy, to which attention was called in the last annual report as especially noteworthy, continues, and the attendance in this department is much larger than ever before. The Academy opened this year with an actual attendance of one hundred and ten (110). The large building is filled to overflowing, and a few of the older students are rooming in private houses. The teaching force has also been increased and the outlook is most hopeful and encouraging.

The Faculty of the College was increased by the addition of three new professors at the beginning of the present year. Professor Claude B. Davis, who has been instructor in Elocution and Oratory, has been made Professor of this department, and he will give his time to the work during the whole year. Dr. H. S. Wingert has been appointed Professor of Physical Culture and Director of the Gymnasium, and he will devote all his time to the work of this department during the year. Through the generosity of the President of the Board of Trustees, the Honorable George F. Baer, who made himself responsible for the salary of the Professor of Modern Languages for two years, the College has been put in a position to secure what has so long been needed, a Professor who will give all his time to instruction in French and German. Dr. William Kurrelmeyer, of Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed to this important position, and has entered upon the duties of his Professorship.

In response to the requests which have come to the Board of Trustees from different quarters, the course of studies in the College has been to some extent modified and rearranged. The old course of study is maintained as heretofore, allowing, however, a little more margin for elective studies. Analytical Geometry is made an elective, and so is Greek, from the beginning of the Junior year. Room is also made for a course of

study in which Greek may be begun at the beginning of the Freshman year. This is especially intended for those who are well advanced in Latin, Mathematics and Modern Languages, but have no opportunity to study Greek. In addition to this, a course of study has been established in which Greek is replaced by Modern Languages and a larger proportion of Science and Mathematics.

It will be seen, thus, that facilities are provided for effective work in all the different departments, and room is made for the thorough training of students who do not care to take the full classical course. In taking this step, however, it is not intended to lower the standard of admission. A full equivalent of preliminary study and training will be expected of all applicants, whether they take the full classical course or not.

There has been no marked financial change in the condition of the College during the past year. Some of the invested funds were paid back and had to be reinvested, entailing a slight loss of interest, and, as during the previous year, the expenditures exceeded the income. The deficit at the end of the year was about three thousand dollars. This condition of things plainly shows the necessity of increasing the endowment fund. The running expenses of the institution have been increased because of new buildings and additional facilities offered to the students. Inasmuch as instruction in Elocution is offered during the whole year, the department of Physical Culture is better provided for than ever before, and hospital accommodations, in case of sickness, are offered to the students, it has been found expedient to increase the College fees from $15 to $20 per term.

The great need of the institution at this time is undoubtedly the completion of the projected Science Building. A year ago the Board of Trustees resolved that the erection of the building should be undertaken as soon as $20,000 had been pledged for this purpose. At the late meeting of the Board of Trustees it appeared that this amount was definitely in sight, and it was accordingly resolved to begin the erection as speedily as possible. The difficulty of securing suitable plans has caused some delay, but the matter is now well in hand, and it is expected to go forward with the work as rapidly as circumstances and the season will permit, in order that the building may be

ready for use by the beginning of the next college year. It is of vital importance, therefore, that adequate funds for the erection of the building be speedily provided, and this enterprise is most urgently recommended to the three Synods for their hearty co-operation.

The vacancy caused in the Board of Trustees by the death of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple has been filled by the appointment of B. Frank Fatackenthal, Esq., of Riegelsville, Pa. The term of service of J. W. Wetzel, Esq., C. C. Leader, and the Hon. W. U. Hensel, expires during the present year. Mr. Hensel is appointed by the Board of Trustees, Mr. Wetzel by the Synod of the Potomac, and Mr. Leader by the Eastern Synod. It will, accordingly devolve upon these two Synods to fill the first two vacancies by an election held during the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

II.—Report of Committee on College and Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: Your Committee on Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to report the following:

Papers were received as follows:

1. The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

2. The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

4. The Report of the Board of Education.

5. The Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, Franklin and Marshall Academy and the Theological Seminary.

From these we glean the following:

1. The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary sets forth that the Institution opened Sept. 8, 1898, with fifty-six students.

Twenty-six being in the Junior class, eleven in the Middle class and nineteen in the Senior class, the latter having completed the prescribed course were given testimonials of graduation. The conduct and progress of the students has been very commendable, and save one case of severe discipline, the Board rejoices in the Christian character and standing of the students. The Board directed the Faculty to keep a record of the conduct and studies of each student, so as to furnish the Classes with a detailed report of each student under their care.

The Board overtures the three Synods to provide six hundred dollars for the support of a teacher of elocution and oratory, the above-named amount to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, $300; Potomac Synod, $200; Pittsburgh Synod, $100. Special lectures were delivered during the year by Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., C. Clever, D.D., and C. J. Musser.

The course in Church History was properly provided for during the year by Drs. Bowman, Gast and Rupp, and the extra labors of these brethren are gratefully appreciated by the Board.

2. From the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn that the Board held two regular meetings. Its officers are George N. Forney, President; John D. Skiles, Vice-President; John B. Roth, Treasurer, and Jeremiah S. Hess, Secretary.

The Treasurer reports having received $1,000.00 from Lewis Shriver, to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove Fund. Also $1,900.00 from the Laird estate.

Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund, reported $1,200.00 were in his hands ready to be paid over to such person or persons, whom the Pittsburgh Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary may designate, and asks for the appointment of Rev. William Rupp, D.D., to present the matter to the bodies referred to.

The Board expended $800.00 on the house occupied by Rev. George W. Richards, and asks that the Synods make full provision for this amount, together with $1,200.00 for current expenses. These amounts are to be apportioned in the following ratio: Eastern Synod, $900.00; Potomac Synod,

$600.00, and Pittsburgh Synod, $300.00. It also asks for the prompt payment of the same, so as to reimburse a depleted treasury.

The receipts during the year were $6,865.72. Expenditures, $11,211.20. Balance due the Treasurer, $4,345.48.

3. The Board of Education elected the following officers: Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., President; Rev. W. F. Lichliter, Secretary, and Mr. John Hertzler, Treasurer. During the last year the Board aided six students for the ministry and has voted aid to the same number for this year, and its treasury shows a balance of $900.48 on hand.

4. The Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, is full of encouragement and there is every prospect for successful work. During the year 165 students were in attendance, 58 new students being enrolled.

The Academy is in a most properous condition, with a larger number of students than ever before, and an increased teaching force.

The Faculty of the College has also been increased. Professor C. B. Davis has been made Professor of Elocution and Oratory; Dr. H. S. Wingert, Professor of Physical Culture and Director of the Gymnasium, and the appointment of Dr. William Kurrelmeyer, Professor of Modern Languages. This appointment was made possible only through the liberality of Hon. George F. Baer, of Reading, Pa.

The course of studies in the College has been somewhat modified in answer to repeated requests made of the Board of Trustees, and the change is believed to be of great advantage.

Owing to the increased facilities offered in the various departments the College fees have been raised $5 per term.

The expenditures of the College have exceeded its income and there is an urgent demand for a larger endowment. Special emphasis is placed on the need of the proposed Science Building. And the Synod rejoices in the fact that Board of Trustees assures us that the erection of the building will go forward.

The Board asks the hearty co-operation of the three Synods in providing the funds necessary for this much-needed building.

A vacancy exists in the Board of Trustees as follows: The term of service of Elder C. C. Leader, J. W. Wetzel, Esq., and the Hon. W. U. Hensel, expires during the present year. Hon. W. U. Hensel is appointed by the Board. The vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office of J. W. Wetzel is to be filled by the Potomac Synod, and that of Elder C. C. Leader by this Synod.

The vacancy in the Board of Trustees, caused by the death of Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D.D., has been filled by the appointment of B. Frank Fackenthal, Esq.

After carefully considering the various reports of the institutions placed in our hands, your Committee is pleased to state that the past year has been a successful and prosperous one and that the outlook for the future is most hopeful. We respectfully recommend the following for your consideration:

1. *Resolved,* That we gratefully acknowledge the blessing of Almighty God upon the institutions of our Church.

2. *Resolved,* That the further endowment of the College and the erection of the Science building be brought to the special attention of the Synods and that Pastors and Elders be instructed to do all in their power to bring this important department of our Christian work to the knowledge of all their people and challenge their most liberal support.

3. *Resolved,* That inasmuch as the house occupied by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart and family is in need of repairs and improvements similar to those recently made in Prof. Richard's house, the Board of Trustees be authorized to make such repairs and improvements as in their judgment may be needful. And in order that these repairs may be speedily made, the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to advance $800, or so much of that amount as may be needed, out of monies on hand or by loan. Said amount to be refunded so soon as repayment be made through apportionment upon the Synods. The amount to be apportioned is $2800, ($1200 for current expenses, $800 expended on Prof. Richard's house, and $800 to be expended on Dr. Gerhart's house), as follows:

Eastern Synod	$1400.00
Potomac Synod	933.34
Pittsburg Synod	466.66

4. *Resolved,* That six hundred dollars, for the support of

a teacher in elocution and oratory, be apportioned as follows

Eastern Synod	$300.00
Potomac Synod	200.00
Pittsburg Synod	100.00

5. *Resolved,* That Synod gratefully acknowledge the munificent gifts and liberality of Hon. Geo. F. Baer and Mr. Lewis Shriver.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ROTHROCK, H. R. KNECHT,
J. M. SOUDER, JOHN W. APPEL.

The foregoing report was presented to Synod on Monday during the evening session, acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole.

(a).—Report of Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN:—Your committee on the increased endowment of Franklin and Marshall College respectfully submits that the work committed to us has been prosecuted during the year, though not as successfully as we had hoped it might be. Nevertheless, the promise held out in our last year's report was to some extent realized.

At our meeting held yesterday, at which eight of the twelve Classes were represented, it was learned that in all the Classes, with the exception of two or three, committees to co-operate with your committee and the Field Secretary in furthering the work, were appointed. In two of the Classes arrangements have been made to canvass their congregations for funds for the much-needed Science Building during the coming winter and spring. The representatives of these Classes are hopeful that encouraging and tangible results will accrue from these efforts, so soon as actual work on the building has been begun.

We rejoice to report further that in one of the Classes one subscription of $3,000 has been secured, and a verbal promise of a much larger contribution from another worthy member of our Church, coupled with the intimation that a largely increased gift may possibly follow from the same source.

From the reports made it would appear that the membership of the Church is becoming more keenly alive to the neces

sities of F. and M. College,—the oldest and most important educational institution of our Church; that it is not unreasonable to hope that ere long we may see the Science Building a realized fact on our College campus, placed there by the generous gifts of an enlightened, interested and grateful membership as a memorial to the grand work, that under God, has been done by the College in the past, and is now being done by a band of earnest, able and consecrated workers in the cause of higher Christian education.

It affords your committee some satisfaction to report that the amount so far received in cash and subscription within the bounds of our Synod is $7,500.

With gratitude to God, we record these facts and take courage to labor zealously to bring the work to a speedy and successful completion.

We would ask Synod anew to urge upon the several Classes, pastors, elders and members, the necessity of furnishing our College, which is manned by an excellent, hard-working faculty, and has a large and ever-increasing body of students, with more working-room, and with a thoroughly up-to-date and complete equipment; and especially at this time in the department of Science.

If the Church will do this, it will speedily reap large and gratifying results.

We would call the attention of Synod to the fact that by the change of classical relation of the Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., from Schuylkill Classis to Lehigh Classis, it becomes necessary to appoint some one from Schuylkill Classis as a member of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman*,	JNO. W. STEINMETZ, D.D.,
D. W. GERHARD,	DAVID SCHEIRER,
A. A. BLACK,	GEO. B. SMITH,
GEO. B. WALBERT,	A. J. BACHMAN.

The foregoing report, in response to Item 1st in Report on Minutes of Synod, was presented to Synod during the session on Friday afternoon and adopted. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., having removed from the bounds of Schuylkill Classis, and thus created a vacancy in the Committee, Rev. O. H. Strunck was appointed in his stead. Rev. A. A. Black, of West

Susquehanna Classis was excused from serving on the Committee on the ground of inaccessibility, and Rev. S. L. Whitmore was appointed to fill the vacancy.

(b).—Acceptance of the Professorship of Church History.

Rev. D. W. Gerhard, President of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BROTHER:—After long and, I trust, mature deliberation, I have decided to accept the call, tendered me through you by the Potomac, Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, to the Professorship of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

I have reached this decision with fear and trembling I must sever my relations as pastor of a most devoted people. This period of transition in the History of Christianity is necessarily attended by serious dangers, and needs the oversight and direction of men, devout and true. No one having the welfare of his Church at heart could hastily assume the work of instructing young men for the Christian ministry at this time. Those who have filled this position in the history of our Church, were felt in the Theological development of the United States. With diffidence would one claim the honor of being a successor to them.

Under these circumstances, I assure you, nothing but the voice of the Synods could convince me that it was my duty to accept the call. By the grace of God and with the sympathy and support of the brethren, I shall attempt to some extent to prove myself worthy of the confidence the Church has placed in me.

I am prepared to begin my work at such time as the Synod may direct through the Committee appointed for this purpose

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. RICHARDS.

Allentown, Pa., March 25, 1899.

(c).—Inauguration of Rev. Geo. W. Richards as Professor of Church History.

In response to Item 4, in Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was presented on Saturday afternoon, and adopted, to-wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee appointed to attend to the inauguration

of Rev. Geo. W. Richards, as Professor-elect of Church History in the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., respectfully report, that on the evening of October 20, A. D. 1899, the inauguration took place in the Seminary chapel. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Prugh, President of Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Thos. F. Hoffmeier, President of Potomac Synod, and Rev. B. B. Ferer, President of Eastern Synod.

The call of acceptance was read by Rev. M. H. Sangree; the charge was delivered by Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, and the oath of office administered by Rev. W. F. More. The inaugural address was delivered by the Professor-elect.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD,
W. F. MORE,
M. H. SANGREE.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Inaugural Committee be hereby instructed to have published in pamphlet form, 1200 copies of the inaugural services, and the address delivered on the occasion for free distribution.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—During the Synodical year the full Board had one meeting and the Executive Council had three meetings, at which Home Missionary work within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods received due consideration. What concerns the general work you will learn from the report of the General Board; hence this report has to do only with local interests.

The traveling Hungarian missionary, Rev. Stephen Virag, who entered upon his work about three months ago, is supported almost entirely by special funds secured within these two Synods. At the last meeting of the Eastern Synod, $300 were pledged for this work, nearly all of which has been paid; and additional pledges from a few individuals in both Synods, amounting to over $700, were secured afterwards, thus providing for his support for nearly two years.

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HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$1,476 23	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	62 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	129 48	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	125 00	
Mrs. S. G. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.....	5 00	
Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis.	60 00	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	52 86	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	49 20	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis.	40 00	
Traveling Hungarian Missionary.....	359 00	
		$2,458 77

HARBOR MISSIONS.

J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$201 64	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	10 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	28 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	22 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis..	8 29	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	16 41	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis	20 00	
Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis.	23 00	
		$329 34

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	$811 00	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	61 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	129 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	140 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	44 56	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	31 35	
		$1,216 91
		$4,005 02

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Paid for Hungarian Missions.....	$2,458 77	
Paid for Harbor Missions.....	329 34	
Paid for German Missions.....	1,216 91	
		$4,005 02

II.—Designated Moneys.

Philadelphia Classis, for Messiah Mission.....	$10 00	
Calvary Church, Reading, Pa., for Pottstown, Pa.	20 00	
Reading Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	300 00	
Reading Classis, for Olivet Church, Reading, Pa.	100 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. J. L. Murphy....	30 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Dr. P. M. Trexler....	20 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. C. H. Reidesel..	100 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. L. M. Kerschner	100 00	
Zion's Classis, for Chicago Mission.....	32 58	
		$712 58

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Paid as designated.....	$712 58

III.—Church Building.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

Schuylkill Classis.....	$44 03
Reading Classis.....	169 00
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	56 00

Goshenhoppen Classis	198 47	
Lancaster Classis	109 95	
Tohickon Classis	206 68	
West Susquehanna Classis	192 00	
Lebanon Classis	106 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	50 24	
Philadelphia Classis	30 55	
Lehigh Classis	70 00	
		$1,232 92

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Catechumen Fund	$80 80	
Woman's Missionary Society, Lebanon Classis	120 87	
F. G. Hobson Fund	100 00	
		$301 67

LOANS REPAID.

Reformed Church, Sioux City, Ia	$2,250 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, balance on judgment	200 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on mortgage	100 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn	400 00	
F. J. Schaffner	950 00	
Hummelstown National Bank	5,000 00	
Heidelberg Church, Timberville, Va	100 00	
General Board of Home Missions	1,000 00	
J. J. Nissley	950 00	
		$10,950 00

IV.—Legacy Account.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1899	$1,463 25	
Christian Bender Legacy, transferred by Eastern Synod	950 00	
Miss Susan M. Pontius	1,500 00	
Miss Margaret R. Lautenschlager	1,000 00	
		$4,913 25
		$17,397 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treas., apportionment for church building	$1,232 92	
Loan to F. J. Schaffner	950 00	
Loan to General Board of Home Missions	1,750 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J	2,000 00	
Board of Trustees, Maryland Classis	5,000 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., F. G. Hobson Fund transferred	500 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Fund, transferred	500 00	
Ref'd Church Extension Society, Baltimore, Md.	500 00	
J. J. Nissley	950 00	
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa	1,500 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899	2,514 92	
		$17,397 84

V.—Interest Account.

1898.		
Oct. 1. Balance in treasury	$244 95	
Trinity Church, Altoona	38 00	
Dividends York National Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy	75 00	
L. C. Seidel	180 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	108 90	

Hummelstown National Bank	100 00	
Hungarian Reformed Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	40 00	
Heidelberg Reformed Church, Timberville, Va.	7 50	
First Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	60 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension	242 35	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Abilene, Kansas	37 34	
Messiah Reformed Church, Philadelphia	10 00	
Wyoming Classis, Scranton bond	10 00	
F. J. Schaffner	47 50	
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va.	15 00	
Maryland Classis	72 50	
Tioga Reformed Church, Philadelphia	20 00	
First Reformed Church, Steelton, Pa.	47 00	
J. J. Nissley	23 75	
		$1,379 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sewerage assessment, Astoria, Oregon	$23 67	
Missionary at Burlington, N. C.	62 50	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C.	40 00	
State tax on loans, Baltimore	10 03	
Traveling expenses of the Board, stationery, and postage	98 95	
Salary—Secretary, $75; and Treasurer, $75	150 00	
1899.		
Sept. 30. Balance in treasury	994 64	
		$1,379 79

Respectfully submitted, JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 30, 1899.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct, as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 2, 1899.

III.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Ending October 1st, 1899.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

In compliance with custom we hereby submit a brief annual report. As the Minutes of General Synod, which are also officially before you, contain the Triennial Report of this Board, in which the work is fully and in detail set forth up to May 1, 1899, this report is limited to what has been done and projected since that date, together with such suggestions as the present conditions seem to demand.

RE-ORGANIZATION.—The Board was re-organized on May 27th, 1899, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., president; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., vice-president; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., secretary; Elder Geo. W. Stein, treasurer; Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., treasurer of Church Building Funds, and attorney of the Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Executive Committee consists of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

THE BOARD.—The members of the Board have freely given themselves to the work and have been faithful to their responsible trusts. To know the conditions, to discriminate, and to systematically arrange for the vital needs of the several missions, demands the highest and most consecrated characteristics.

OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—Our Superintendents are men of large experience, good judgment, untiring energy and consecrated zeal. They are acceptably filling delicate, difficult, responsible and wearing positions.

OUR MISSIONARIES.—Our Missionaries are as a class faithful and aggressive. Some of them are doing heroic work, and enduring hardships without the apparent appreciation of the Church. The Lord is sustaining His servants in the field. May He give His Church grace to feel the inspiration of the calls of His Providence, to do her part, in sustaining them by prayer, sympathy and money.

OUR MISSIONS.—Our Missions are well organized and well conducted. There is just now an unusual activity in Church Building. Eight west of the Alleghenies and one or more east of the mountains, are erecting houses of worship, while others are improving their church property. The average contributions of our Missions per member is above that of the established congregations of the Church. Our Missions were never in a more hopeful and prosperous condition. A grand foundation has been laid for the future, and it has been done in the face of many hindrances.

INSURANCE.—The Board has directed that proper insurance shall be had, by all the Missions on their church property.

HUNGARIANS.—The Hungarian work is advancing. The Board has taken the necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and that only such methods and practices, as are in full harmony with the Church in this country, shall be observed among them.

Rev. Stephen Virag who was called from Hungary to be a travelling missionary here among his scattered countrymen, ar-

rived, and was commissioned July 22d, 1899. The money for the support of this missionary for two years, has been provided outside of the appropriations for our ordinary work.

Hungarian Missionaries shall hereafter accept yearly reductions in their support as do the English Missionaries.

BOHEMIANS.—The Bohemian congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Erie Classis has come under the care of this Board. A lot has been purchased, and a church is now being built, to cost about $2,500.

The Board has also secured a lot for the Bohemian congregation at Chicago, Ill., on which a church will soon be built.

MICHAEL SCHLATTER MEMORIAL FUND.—The scheme to raise $100,000 as a Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund for church building purposes, inaugurated during the Sesqui-Centennial services, has resulted in some Church Building Funds and other smaller amounts, which have been reported by the treasurer of this fund. The scheme deserves to be pushed until the full amount is realized.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—Our Church Building Funds are steadily growing. "*The Catechumens Fund*" has been completed. Amount $500. A new one has also been added to the list since the published report, namely "*The Martha M. Simmons Church Building Fund.*" Amount $500. Given September 13, 1899, by her sisters, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. Georgianna A. Simmons, and the Misses Elizabeth G., Emma B., and Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

Here is a vital point at which people of means may help God's cause, and at the same time create an abiding memorial for themselves, or some friend, living or dead, that will be a blessing to unborn generations.

Special attention is hereby called to the descriptive list of Church Building Funds in the recent Triennial Report.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Church Extension feature of our work has grown rapidly and has become a very important factor. Its usefulness is only limited by the funds placed at our disposal. The careful study of the report of the treasurer of this fund, will reveal an expansion in this phase of our work that ought to prove an inspiration.

MANUAL.—A manual containing the Charter, Rules and Regulations for the management of the business of the Board

has been published. It also contains forms for deeds, charters, bequests, model constitution for a congregation, together with designs for chapels and churches. Copies of the Manual can be secured from the several superintendents of the Board.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.—*The Reformed Church Tidings* has been published for the past three years at a considerable annual loss. Its usefulness, however, justifies its continuance. It now appears in a modified but improved form with some change in price. A copy of this paper ought to go into every family of the Church. The spread of missionary literature is like leaven in the meal. It works silently but surely till the whole body is leavened.

FINANCES.—At the meeting of General Synod, we reported ourselves without debt. Since then, however, our income has not met our expenses. At the July meeting we were compelled to borrow money. The amount borrowed will scarcely be all in the treasury at the October meeting, when we must have over $9,000 to pay our missionaries their dues. We are again one quarter in arrears. Shall this condition of things continue? The statement of this fact ought to burn into the conscience of every careless and neglectful church member, until they have been aroused to duty. Let there be an awakening all along the line.

FORWARD, THE WATCHWORD.—The policy and plans of the Board looking toward enlarged work was approved by General Synod, and we were authorized to go forward. As a Church, we are entering a new era of missionary activity. We are beginning to realize that our responsibilities are greater than the taking care of our own material. Our conception is broader than that of our fathers, and we need to cultivate a more liberal spirit. We are planning and planting for the future. We must use our men and means to the best advantage. This is the problem before us and requires prayerful and careful study.

Great cities are rapidly increasing in number. Earnest calls are coming to us from many of these centres, and if we as a Church are to have a future in this country we must respond to them.

New work has been assumed at Vandergift, Pa., La-

Harpe, Kan., Alliance, O., North-east Baltimore, Md., Bay City, Mich., Greensboro and High Point, N. C., and a Bohemian mission in Cleveland, O.

Other points are under investigation and consideration; notably, Allegheny City, Pa., Cleveland, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Ia.

If we are to continue to be a factor in the moulding of the destinies of the nation we must establish our Church firmly in these growing centres. It is true there are difficulties in the way, but they are not insurmountable. It will require self-denial, sacrifice and patient endurance in well doing, but what really good thing can be secured in any direction without these? The opportunity is at the door and it creates our responsibility.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—The conviction has been growing in the Board that more help was needed to secure the funds necessary to carry forward our increasing work. This fact was communicated to General Synod, with the suggestion that the office of Financial Secretary be authorized. The suggestion was approved. We have created the office and called to it Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, of Huntington, Pa. He has accepted our call and entered upon the work Sept. 1, 1899.

Rev. Creitz speaks acceptably in both the German and English languages, has had seven years of successful pastoral experience, and has other special qualifications to fit him for the position. For the present his time will be given to the eastern portion of the Church. He is ready to co-operate with pastors and consistories in such way as shall, after mutual conference, promise the best results. He will aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in helping to inspire a new spirit and new energy to develop the financial possibilities at hand in many places. If you will give him your confidence and co-operation, good results will follow.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.—The Twentieth Century Movement for Home Missions, as approved by General Synod, is in process of inauguration. The Special Committee appointed by General Synod, to which the scope and details of the plan was committed, held a meeting, is maturing the scheme, and will in due time report to the Church.

The scheme, in addition to creating and circulating special literature, comprehends a series of church work conventions in

all the classes, including sermons, addresses, prayers and offerings, whereby the people shall be encouraged to give themselves and their possessions unreservedly to the Lord and His sacred cause. "Facts are the finger of God." To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. The purpose is to give these facts to the people; to show the way in which they can be brought and kept before the people. If this is done we expect to greatly increase the interest in the work.

INCREASED FUNDS ASSUMED.—General Synod not only authorized a forward movement, but with faith in God and in the membership of the Church, assumed to provide a decided increase in funds.

The amount assumed annually for the next three years is $65,000, to be applied as follows: $50,000 annually for English missions; $8,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian missions; $6,000 for German missions in large cities, and $1,100 for Harbor missions. The $50,000 is apportioned to the five English Synods only, while the other amounts are apportioned alike to each of the eight Synods.

The whole amount is $7,100 more than was assumed three years ago. This indicates progress; the work is expanding; the Church is growing. These amounts can be raised, if we have the will to do so. How much will it be per member? The $50,000 will require of the English Synods 28 cents per member. The Hungarian and Bohemian work calls for 3½ cents per member; the German work a little over 2 cents, and the Harbor mission work about ½ cent. This makes a little less than 34 cents which, together with the 6 cents for Church Extension, makes a total of not quite 40 cents per member for Home Mission work in all departments. Who will say the amount is too large? Where is the congregation in which it would involve a hardship to average this amount? We can and we ought to contribute much more than this.

AGGRESSIVE WORK.—If the Board is to do the aggressive work outlined and sanctioned by the General Synod, then the full amount assumed must be accepted by the several District Synods and Classes; and further, prompt, systematic and energetic measures must be introduced to put the money into the treasury of the Board. We cannot "make brick without straw."

It is bad policy and worse economy to compel the Board to borrow money from time to time to carry forward the work. What is admissible in an emergency becomes ruinous as a practice. The money paid as interest would sustain an efficient mission at some vital centre of population. The Church *can* provide all the money assumed. Let us resolve that by the help of God we *will* do it.

ENTHUSIASM.—If the same enthusiasm that pervaded General Synod can be evoked in the District Synods, Classes and Church Work Conventions, so that the contagion will lay hold of our pastors and people, we shall have all the men and the money we need for our work. No more vital question will come before your Reverend Body than missions. Give an evening, or better still, a session to the consideration of this subject. The more you study and discuss it the more your souls will glow with warmth, and an enthusiasm will be begotten, that will infect the whole Church, and produce results, that will prove a blessing to you, and to the cause of missions, whereby God will be greatly honored. To this end let us work and pray. May the Head of the Church bless the means employed and hasten the day of awakened enthusiasm, of consecrated energy and of generous offerings.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

IV.—Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Under Item 14 of the report of the Standing Committee of Overtures was read the report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions, communicating to your Reverend Body a statement of the condition, successes and outlook of our foreign work, feels that the fullest and most satisfactory exhibit it can make, is to lay before you the report it made to the General Synod at its late meeting in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, last May, a copy of which we herewith send you. That report contains a full exhibit of the condition of our work in Japan, up, practically, to the present time.

The action of General Synod in response to that report, is fully set forth in the report presented to that body by its Standing Committee on Missions, embodied in the published minutes of its proceedings, which, doubtless, is in possession of your body, which renders it unnecessary to repeat it in this communication. Yielding to the pressure of a sentiment, widespread throughout our Church, that the time had come for an extension of our foreign work, the General Synod directed the Foreign Board to plant a new Mission in the Empire of China; as also to reinforce our growing Japan work by sending out three additional missionaries—two men, and one lady. The recent resignation of Miss Mary C. Hollowell, has made it necessary to increase the number of ladies to two, instead of one, as directed by General Synod.

The Board hastened to take steps to carry out the work laid upon it by General Synod. At its last meeting on September 12th, ult., it resolved to establish a mission, consisting of two missionaries in the Province of Hunan in China. Yielding to the importunate urgency of Rev. W. E. Hoy, he was transferred from Japan to the proposed new Mission in China. It then directed the Secretary to issue a call for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School in Sendai. The call was accordingly issued in the Church Papers, and such has been the encouraging response as to make it more than probable that the number desired will be appointed at the meeting of the Board, to convene November 7, prox.

Since the revised treaties have gone into effect in Japan, the Educational Department of the Government has adopted such regulations for the management of Schools as may seriously interfere with the educational work of Christian Missions. The crux of the matter is, the prohibition of all religious teaching and worship in all schools enjoying Government privileges. Any schools imparting religious instructions will do so outside the pale of the privileges, extended by the Government to those legally established. Our Mission has not yet informed the Board how our schools will be affected. We may lose many of our scholars. Our information, as yet, is from the newspapers. We, however, do not despair. We rely upon a power who holds the nations in the hollow of His hands, and

in due time He will work His holy will. Meanwhile we press forward in faith.

Recent intelligence is to the effect that Miss Zurfluh is suffering with an attack of typhoid fever. We commend her to the prayers of God's people.

In conclusion, the Board would most respectfully and importunately urge your Reverend Body to give to the enlarged measures and appropriations adopted by General Synod, your most cordial and effective support and co-operation, that, with God's blessing the work may go forward without let or hindrance. By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Oct. 12, 1899.

V.—Report of Standing Committee on Missions.

The report of the Standing Committee on Missions was read on Tuesday during the morning session. It was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to-wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions offers the following report:

The documents placed in our hands are

HOME MISSIONS.

1. Annual report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

2. Report of Bi-synodic Board of Missions.

3. A recommendation from the General Board of Home Missions that $30,000 be raised for a church in Washington, D. C.

4. A communication from the Bi-synodic Board of Missions, recommending to the Eastern and Potomac Synods that Rev. A. C. Whitmer be nominated for election as Superintendent of Missions for the term beginning October 1, 1899.

5. Several items from the Minutes of General Synod; (a) calling the attention of the District Synods to its action commending the raising of Church-building Funds; (b) commending the missionary societies of the Church to the sympathy and encouragement of the Synods, Classes and congregations; (c) calling the attention of the Synods to the inauguration of the

Twentieth Century movement in the interest of Missions and Church-building, and urging each District Synod to hold during its annual session in 1900, a special Educational or Church-work Convention, and instructing its Classes in the interest of the movement.

6. A communication from General Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century movement.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The seventh triennial report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

2. A communication from the Secretary of the Foreign Board.

HOME MISSIONS.

From these several reports and papers we gather the gratifying information that our Boards, together with the Superintendents and Missionaries, have been doing faithful and successful work during the year; and that the missions under their care have made substantial progress. Unusual activity is displayed in the erection of new houses of worship, and in the improving of church property. The Missions are also showing a large average in their contributions, evincing a spirit of liberality and self-helpfulness that is highly praiseworthy.

The Board has lately ventured to enroll eight new missions; but for lack of funds had to turn a deaf ear to the earnest calls for assistance, coming from many other promising points.

Church-Building Funds are steadily increasing in number, three having been completed and one new one added to the list during the year.

The work among our Hungarian brethren is constantly enlarging, and these people are showing themselves worthy of the help given them. The Board has taken steps to assure proper church relations and to bring them into full harmony with the Church in this country, as to methods and practices.

In order to carry forward our increasing work, it was felt necessary to have a Financial Secretary and the General Synod approving, the Board appointed Rev. Charles E. Creitz to this position. He entered on his work Sept. 1, 1899.

In view of these enumerated facts and the general revival of prosperity in improved business conditions throughout the

land, the Church should manifest her sincere gratitude to Go by new zeal in the cause of Christ's kingdom, and determine t do larger things than ever before for God and man during th impending century.

Let the Church put on her strength, seizing every oppor tunity that offers and by which she is challenged; consecratin herself more fully and giving more largely of her substance t the service of her Master. The Twentieth Century Movemen ought to engage her earnest and prayerful attention and unite co-operation. Aggressive work, daring to ask much of God and undertaking to do much in His name, ought to character ize her operations, and so help to make the coming century stil more an "age of missions" than the one just ending. Let ou Church place herself on record as among the most progressiv forces in the world for its regeneration, and God will use he to promote His glory, and to bring about the glad day when, a the name of Jesus, "every knee shall bow and every tongu confess Him to be Lord to the glory of God the Father."

We suggest the following for your consideration and adoption:

I. CHURCH AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod has called our attention to the necessity of a new church building at Washington, D. C., and asks that such action be taken as will secure a sum not less than $30,000 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The desire for an imposing structure at the National Capitol is not based upon the necessity of a large building as a church-home for the members resident there, but rather to make ourselves more faborably known, and

WHEREAS, Our denominational self-respect may be appealed to to secure the funds, therefore

Resolved, 1. That this Synod approves the proposal of the Board to erect a new church building at Washington, D. C.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend that an appeal be made by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to the entire Reformed Church of the Nation, for the necessary funds.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod requests each Classis to ap-

point a committee of one or more to further this interest within its bounds.

II. MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

Resolved, That this Synod places in nomination Rev. A. C. Whitmer for election as Superintendent of Missions for a term of three years, beginning Oct. 1, 1899, and calls the attention of the body electing to this action.

III. CHURCH-BUILDING FUND.

Resolved, That Synod calls the attention of Classes, congregations, missionary societies and members of the Church, anew, to the importance of raising or establishing church-building funds, and urges that action may be taken and measures adopted to secure a larger number of these helpful funds.

IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That Synod commends the energetic work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Church to the sympathy and encouragement of Classes and congregations.

V. TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

1. *Resolved,* That Synod approves of and heartily endorses the Twentieth Century Movement as proposed by General Synod, and commends it to the cordial co-operation of all our Classes and congregations.

2. *Resolved,* That for the purpose of inaugurating the movement within the bounds of this Synod a special educational or church-work convention be held during its next annual session, in 1900, the special program for which shall be prepared by a committee consisting of the officers of Synod, and Synod's member of the General Committee.

3. *Resolved,* That in order to co-operate in this movement, each Classis is hereby requested to appoint a committee of three, and also request each consistory to appoint a committee of three in each congregation.

4. *Resolved,* That whereas General Synod has designated the year 1901 as the initial year for the observance of this movement, we approve of the preparation of tracts bearing on this subject for free distribution throughout the Church, said distribution to begin September, 1900, at the rate of two per month, as proposed by General Synod's committee.

5. *Resolved,* That Synod approves the setting apart of

the Wednesday of the "Week of Prayer" of the years 1900 and 1901, as a day of prayer for this movement, and that we call the attention of our Classes and pastors to this action.

6. *Resolved,* That in order to carry this movement into practical effect, Synod requests the several Classes to hold a convention in its interest at their next annual meetings, and also to hold conventions in their several charges and congregations.

VI. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the seventh triennial report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the communication of the Secretary of said Board, it is evident that whilst there are some features in the general work of Christian Missions in Japan that threaten to interfere somewhat with the progress of the work, yet in the main our work is encouraging, and the labors of our missionaries have not been without a goodly degree of success. The financial part of the report of the Board is, however, less favorable than that of three years ago. Owing to the loss sustained by the robbery of our treasury in Japan of nearly $5,000, the increased expenses of missionaries going and coming on furlough, the cost of sending out two new missionaries, and the failure of the Church to make a reasonable approximation in its contributions to the apportionment, arrears have accumulated so as to assume the form of an embarrassing debt. From the report it appears that the finances of the Board have been economically administered, the home expenses being only 8½ per cent. of the gross receipts, which is regarded as a favorable showing, when compared with that of other Foreign Boards.

The work has grown, and the enlargement of our territory calls for an increased number of workers. Added to this is the fact that Dr. Moore is for the present totally disabled, and Rev. W. E. Hoy is suffering from a severe recurrence of Asthma, necessitating a change of climate. This very materially weakens our working force, and if we are to keep pace with the leadings of Providence, we need three additional missionaries —one lady and two men.

In obedience to the direction of General Synod, the Board has taken steps to establish a mission, consisting of two missionaries, in the Province of Hunan, China, and has transferred

Rev. W. E. Hoy to this field. The call for missionaries has been issued, and from the response received the Board is led to believe that at its next meeting, on the seventh of November prox., the needed workers will be appointed both for China and Japan.

From this it must be evident to the Church that her Board has confidence and faith enough to believe that the apportionment will not only be approximated but raised in full. This is absolutely necessary if the work is not to be crippled.

Let the Church heed the call of the Lord as it thus comes from China as well as from Japan, and respond with heart and hand, bringing larger offerings for the evangelizing of the world, making sacrifices that shall be well-pleasing in the sight of Him to whom we belong and whom we serve. The silver and the gold are His and He giveth to whom He will. Let us pay our tithes of that which He has given us and be encouraged by His promise: "Bring ye all the tithes into my store house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Let us endeavor to come up to the full measure of our opportunities and obligations and the Lord will bless us. He hath declared it.

Impressed with a profound sense of the importance of, and opportunities for, enlarged working in the foreign field, your committee begs leave to offer the following for adoption, viz:

1. *Resolved,* That we record our sincere thanks to the great Head of the Church for the large measure of success that has attended the efforts of our Church in the past, for the opportunities of the present and for the challenge that comes to us from China; and we call upon our Classes to take such action as may bring home to the consciousness of our people the great need of the cause of missions in China and Japan, and that will secure the full amounts apportioned for this purpose.

2. *Resolved,* That in order to attain this much-desired result the Classes urge their several pastors to preach sermons on this subject during the year; appeal to their people for increased giving, and use such other means unto this end as to them may seem best.

3. *Resolved,* That this Synod suggest to the Board of Foreign Missions to send out broad-cast through the Church, a plain and concise statement of the condition and needs of the work, coupled with an earnest appeal to all our members, challenging them to united efforts in meeting the obligations resting upon us as a Church; setting apart a time for the reception of "self-denial" or free-will offerings, or adopt such other measures as to the Board may seem best calculated to secure the means needed vigorously to prosecute the work. Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman.*
C. H. COON.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON THE REPORT ON MISSIONS.

In connection with the first item in the report, having reference to the erection of a new church at Washington, D. C., the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That each Classis is hereby requested to appoint a committee of one or more to further the interest of this undertaking within its own bounds.

In regard to the Twentieth Century Movement in the cause of Missions the following action was taken.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby instructed to communicate Synod's action in regard to this movement, to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes of Synod in order that the subject may be made a part of the program of the services at the sessions of Classes at the next annual meeting in 1900.

AID SECURED FOR TRAVELING HUNGARIAN MISSIONARY.

In 5th item on Report on Minutes of Synod reference is made to the appointment of a committee to secure funds for a Traveling Missionary among the Hungarians. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your committee charged with securing pledges towards the support of the Traveling Hungarian Missionary, report that they secured pledges to the amount of $300 on floor of Synod, nearly all of which has been paid into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions. We are informed also that in addition, $105 from within the bounds of this Synod have been sent in without solicitation. Respectfully submitted.

M. H. SANGREE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod was referred to Committee on Nominations, and the Treasurer's Report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was read and adopted. It reads as follows:

Report of Trustees of Synod.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees held its annual meeting in the Sunday-school room of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed church, Reading, Pa., Oct. 18, 1899, at 10.30 A. M., all the members being present.

The Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley, presented his report, which was carefully audited and found correct. The following balances remain in his hands:

Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod.....$1,180 20
Allentown College for Women..... 4,005 44

In accordance with the action of this Synod at its last annual session, the Christian Bender legacy, amounting to $950.00, was transferred to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, commonly known as the Bi-Synodic Board.

The Board as at present constituted consists of the following persons:

Rev. John W. Steinmetz, term expires Jan. 1, 1904.
Elder J. J. Nissley, term expires Jan. 1, 1903.
Elder Daniel Schaffner, term expires Jan. 1, 1902.
Elder Louis Kraemer, term expires Jan. 1, 1901.
Rev. T. O. Stem, term expires Jan. 1, 1900.

To fill the vacancy which will occur Jan. 1, 1900, the Board recommends the following as suitable persons—one to be chosen: Rev. L. Kryder Evans, D.D., of Pottstown, Pa., and Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, of Reading, Pa.

Under the careful and judicious management of Tre urer Nissley, the funds of the Synod are safely invested.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN O. STEM,
President of the Board.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 19, 1899.

Report of Treasurer of Synod.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of Reformed Church in the United States.

Contingent Fund General Synod.

DR.

Reading Classis	$26 76	
Schuylkill Classis		
Wyoming Classis	72 27	
East Pennsylvania Classis	90 00	
Philadelphia Classis	38 14	
Lebanon Classis	79 28	
West Susquehanna Classis	22 58	
Goshenhoppen Classis	13 13	
East Susquehanna Classis	12 00	
		$354

CR.

Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer	$252 27	
Paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer	101 89	
		$354

Contingent Fund Eastern Synod.

DR.

1898.		
Oct. 18. Balance in treasury		$1,093
Reading Classis	$58 01	
Schuylkill Classis	42 00	
Wyoming Classis	43 50	
East Pennsylvania Classis	65 51	
Philadelphia Classis	89 80	
Lebanon Classis	71 40	
West Susquehanna Classis	37 98	
Goshenhoppen Classis	42 23	
Tohickon Classis	54 97	
East Susquehanna Classis	37 56	
Lancaster Classis	20 28	
Lehigh Classis	89 24	
		$652
		$1,746

CR.

Paid traveling expenses Rev. T. O. Stem	$4 13
Paid traveling expenses Daniel Schaffner	4 68
Paid traveling expenses J. J. Nissley	2 30
Paid Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., a special committee at Synod	14 05
Paid Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., special work	2 00
Paid Second Reformed Church, Reading, use of church, annual meeting of Synod	30 00
Paid Reformed Church Publication Board, printing Minutes of Synod	269 37

Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk.....	175 00	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, expenses in removing archives to Lancaster.....	19 86	
Paid J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk, postage and other expenses.....	29 60	
Paid Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Co., fees for transferring policy.....	50	
Paid Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D., expenses as member Board of Visitors.....	5 50	
Paid Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D.D., expenses as member Board of Visitors.....	6 00	
Paid Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., expenses as member Board of Visitors.....	3 00	
1899.		
Oct. 18. Balance in treasury.....	1,180 20	
		$1,746 19

Home Missions.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis.....	$1,502 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	1,239 31	
Tohickon Classis.....	1,039 04	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	1,533 24	
Lebanon Classis.....	1,252 33	
Lancaster Classis.....	1,350 37	
Schuylkill Classis.....	933 16	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	861 15	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	1,394 19	
Lehigh Classis.....	1,465 89	
Wyoming Classis.....	700 26	
Reading Classis.....	2,395 39	
		$15,666 33

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions.....	$15,666 33

Hungarian Missions.

Dr.

Reading Classis.....	$199 00	
Schuylkill Classis.....	76 00	
Wyoming Classis.....	81 05	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	114 58	
Philadelphia Classis.....	197 20	
Lebanon Classis.....	95 00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	294 78	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	70 37	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	65 30	
Lancaster Classis.....	100 95	
Lehigh Classis.....	126 00	
		$1,420 23

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions.....	$1,420 23

Harbor Mission.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis.....	$27 16
Schuylkill Classis.....	7 00
Wyoming Classis.....	8 57
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	14 67
Reading Classis.....	28 00

Lebanon Classis	14 00	
Tohickon Classis	34 15	
East Susquehanna Classis	17 22	
Lancaster Classis	17 87	
Lehigh Classis	22 00	
		$190 64

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$190 64

German Mission Work.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$148 00	
Schuylkill Classis	14 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	110 81	
Philadelphia Classis	66 33	
Lebanon Classis	105 50	
Tohickon Classis	154 22	
East Susquehanna Classis	53 49	
Lancaster Classis	86 65	
Lehigh Classis	58 00	
		$797 00

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$797 00

Calvin College.

Dr.

Schuylkill Classis	$15 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	15 80	
Lancaster Classis	13 15	
Reading Classis	26 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	17 25	
Wyoming Classis	14 00	
Lebanon Classis	10 00	
		$111 20

Cr.

Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D	$111 20

Catawba College.

Dr.

Schuylkill Classis	$10 00	
Lebanon Classis	2 75	
Lancaster Classis	2 60	
East Pennsylvania Classis	3 00	
		18 35

Cr.

Paid Rev. S. A. Foil, D.D	$18 35

Church Building.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$165 00
Schuylkill Classis	20 03
East Pennsylvania Classis	56 00
Philadelphia Classis	30 55
Lebanon Classis	106 00
West Susquehanna Classis	192 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	198 47
Tohickon Classis	206 68
East Susquehanna Classis	50 24
Lancaster Classis	109 95

Lehigh Classis	70 00	
		$1,204 92

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$1,204 92

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

Dr.

A. & L. Mountz, 12 months' interest on Keiffer Legacy	$225 00	
John J. Bishop, 12 months' interest on Keiffer Legacy	250 00	
S. S. Shenk and sister, 12 months' interest on Cooke Legacy	60 00	
Henry Alleman, 12 months' interest on Gerhart Legacy	18 00	
		$553 00

Cr.

Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer Foreign Missions, interest Gerhart Legacy	$6 00	
Paid John Hertzler, Treasurer Board of Education, interest Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions, interest Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest Keiffer Legacy	475 00	
Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest Cooke Legacy	60 00	
		$553 00

Legacy Account.

Dr.

1898. Oct. 18. Balance in treasury, Bender Legacy	$950 00

Cr.

Paid J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions, as per action of Synod at Reading, Pa., Oct. 20, 1898	$950 00

Current Expenses Theological Seminary.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$99 00	
Schuylkill Classis	46 00	
Wyoming Classis	12 03	
East Pennsylvania Classis	31 00	
Philadelphia Classis	13 00	
Lebanon Classis	48 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	72 20	
Goshenhoppen Classis	45 94	
Tohickon Classis	56 83	
East Susquehanna Classis	25 81	
		$449 81

Cr.

Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer	$449 81

Dr.

From Rev. S. R. Breidenbaugh, D.D., amount contributed by friends, to aid Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias in the work of transcribing the records of the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, as per action of Synod, 1898	$73 50

CR.

Paid Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias..... $73 50

Traveling Missionary Among the Hungarians.

DR.

From Reading Classis..... $9 00

CR.

Paid Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of Missions..... $9 00

Allentown College for Women.

DR.

1898.		
Oct. 18. Balance in treasury.....	$2,068 19	
From Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	1,112 75	
From Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	809 50	
From Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	15 00	
		$4,005 44

CR.

1899.	
Oct. 18. Balance in treasury.....	$4,005 44

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY,
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Oct. 18, 1899.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account, and find it correct.

JNO. W. STEINMETZ,
DANIEL SCHAFFNER.

READING, PA., Oct. 18, 1899.

ARREARAGES FOR 1899.

	Synodical Contingent.	Home Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.	Church Building	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	General Synod Contingent
Schuylkill Classis.....	.....	$655 67	$82 20	$144 20	$285 85	$32 26	$21 65	$16 59
Reading Classis.....	.....	.....	24 00	75 00	265 92	11 23	44 60	.....
Wyoming Classis.....	.....	828 33	71 15	152 20	294 00	63 20	30 45	.....
East Pennsylvania Classis.	.....	996 84	135 42	141 19	436 48	93 54	47 40	.....
Philadelphia Classis.....	$49 36	406 60	60 80	123 67	336 11	80 32	28 00	28 40
Lebanon Classis.....	77 85	1754 65	204 60	194 10	472 40	99 94	57 15	35 94
West Susquehanna Classis	.....	71 65	.....	146 00	90 18	.....	29 20	.....
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	56 47	618 09	114 63	185 00	158 67	45 47	42 30	22 70
East Susquehanna Classis.	27 72	848 16	104 90	116 71	278 74	58 36	34 65	19 74
Tohickon Classis.....	.....	1084 42	211 50	57 28	201 74	47 69	42 30	25 38
Lancaster Classis.....	23 67	346 39	68 05	82 35	216 57	83 55	31 20	20 22
Lehigh Classis.....	.....	1980 34	217 30	285 00	592 70	169 63	68 65	41 19
	$235 07	$9590 14	$1294 55	$1702 70	$3639 36	$785 69	$486 95	$212 32

Report of Standing Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

The Treasurer's Report, referred to your committee, had been audited and found correct.

The following specified amounts were referred to us for apportionment among the several Classes:

Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod	$600 00
Contingent Fund, General Synod	2,575 00
Home Missions	27,850 00
Foreign Missions	17,150 00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	3,450 00
German Missions	2,500 00
Church Building	4,867 86
Theological Seminary	1,700 00
Catawba College	1,000 00
Harbor Missions	490 00

These amounts are apportioned as follows:

	Harbor Missions.	Synodical Contingent.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.	Church Building Purposes.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	General Synod Contingent.
Apportionments	...	$600	$27850 00	$17150 00	$3450 00	$2500 00	$4867 86	$1700	$1000 00	$2575
East Pennsylvania	$50	60	2830 03	1732 89	351 48	253 39	490 44	168	122 61	262
Lebanon	55	68	2177 10	1962 31	295 96	285 48	552 54	189	138 14	295
Philadelphia	36	44	2042 44	1255 68	254 69	183 61	355 38	121	88 84	190
Lancaster	33	39	1851 62	1137 80	230 78	166 38	322 02	109	80 50	172
East Susquehanna	31	38	1767 44	1086 08	220 29	158 81	307 38	104	76 85	164
West Susquehanna	31	37	1727 42	1061 48	215 30	155 22	300 42	148	75 10	160
Tohickon	43	53	2451 57	1506 47	305 56	220 29	426 36	146	106 59	227
Goshenhoppen	36	43	1996 52	1226 84	248 84	179 40	347 22	118	86 80	185
Lehigh	75	92	4311 81	2649 58	537 41	387 44	749 88	259	187 47	400
Schuylkill	31	37	1698 09	1043 47	211 65	152 58	295 32	100	73 83	157
Wyoming	31	37	1725 00	1060 00	215 00	155 00	300 00	102	75 00	160
Reading	43	53	2420 18	1487 18	301 65	217 47	420 90	144	115 23	224

The foregoing report was duly considered and adopted.

The Purchase of Allentown College for Women.

In response to the 7th item in the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was presented during the session on Friday morning. The report was adopted, and the committee, with the changes in its personal, continued:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: As Chairman of the Committee on raising money toward the purchase of Allentown College for Women by the Eastern Synod, we beg to make the following report: The Committee did all the work that came to it during the past year. It sought opportunity to present the cause to every congregation or charge where it was possible for it to do so. It availed itself of every privilege to canvass that offered itself. Wherever the project was presented, the people responded cheerfully. The expectations of the Committee were more than realized in nearly every instance, and the results secured thus far by its work are encouraging.

The amount of money placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod is $4,005.44. I have in my possession $200 additional, which swells the total amount of cash to $4,205.44. We have a little over $2,000 in unpaid subscriptions and pledges, and it is hoped that during the ensuing year the amount in cash and subscriptions may be largely increased.

Your Committee would recommend that Synod appoint Rev. Robert O'Boyle on the Committee in place of Rev. C. F. Seitz, who removed from East Susquehanna Classis; that for similar reasons Rev. T. W. Dickert, of Lehigh Classis, in place of Rev. G. W. Richards; that Rev. Elmer E. Noll, of Schuylkill Classis, in place of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., and that Rev. Dr. J. H. Pannebecker, of Lancaster Classis, in place of Rev. J. Stewart Hartman.

Your Committee would state that it appreciates very highly the kindness and good will manifested by pastors, consistories and congregations, and it is sincerely hoped that enough money has now been secured to prove that the project can be carried out successfully without interfering at all with other benevolent operations of the Church and that very soon the Synod may be the absolute owner of an institution, devoted exclusively to the higher education of young ladies in which its members may take an honest pride.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER,
Chairman of Committee.

The following persons constitute the Committee of Synod: Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Chairman; East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. J. F. DeLong, D.D.; Lebanon Classis, Rev. I. C. Fisher; Philadelphia Classis, Rev. D. U. Wolff; Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D.D.; East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. R. O'Boyle; West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. S. L. Whitmore; Gohenhoppen Classis, Rev. J. E. Freeman; Tohickon Classis, Rev. C. B. Weaver; Lehigh Classis, Rev. T. W. Dickert; Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Elmer E. Noll; Reading Classis, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D.; Wyoming Classis, Rev. S. E. Stofflet.

An order on the Treasurer for twenty dollars was granted in favor of Dr. Jno. M. Titzel for the use of the First Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., to hold the sessions of Synod.

During the afternoon session on Saturday, Rev. S. A. Leinbach was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod for a term of five years.

Elder Jno. J. Nissley was re-elected as Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to several items contained in the report under the head of Irregularities was confirmed.

Apportionments Assumed Only in Part.

Synod hears with regret from items 2, 5, 6 and 10 in the Report on Minutes of Classes, that Lebanon, East Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen and Wyoming Classes refuse to assume the whole of the apportionments made for objects of benevolence.

Objections to Reformed Church Tidings Removed.

Sub-item *(b)* of 2d item under "Subjects Referred" in the Report of Minutes of Classes was adopted, and Lebanon Classis is herewith informed that all advertisements objectionable and otherwise, have been eliminated from the Reformed "Church Tidings," and that Synod now requests this Classis to assist in the circulation of this church paper.

Correct Statistics.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod again calls the attention of the several Classes to the ruling of General Synod on the subject of correct statistics so that all additions and losses of members be accounted for in the annual reports to the Classes.

Irregularities Referred.

Under the head of Subjects Referred in Report on Minutes of Classes, the items 1, sub-items *(a)* and *(b)* in 4th item, and items 7 and 8 were referred to a special committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

You Committee to whom several items in regard to certain irregularities were referred, begs leave to report that it has examined into the merits of these irregularities and suggest the following action:

Resolved, As to the 1st item, Synod reiterates its action of one year ago.

Resolved, That in respect to the remaining four items, the irregularities charged are hereby declared to be unmerited.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. DELONG.
JNO. H. SECHLER.

The Appointment of Special Committee on Irregularities.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to Synod at its next annual sessions such action that may be adopted as an authoritative statement as to what constitutes an irregularity in the Minutes of Classes, which shall be reported as such to Synod by its classical committee. The committee consists of Revs. Dr. Jno. F. DeLong, N. Z. Snyder and Elder M. J. Hess.

An Improved Method of Publishing the Printed Minutes.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the Stated Clerk be called to the fact that he failed to record the statement made at the annual meeting of Synod in 1898, by the committee appointed to prepare a form for the printing of the Minutes that the Committee had forgotten the matter referred to it.

Resolved, further, That the Committee of which Rev. Dr. J. M. Titzel is chairman be herewith requested to make a report as soon as possible.

The Report of the Special Committee appointed at Synod of Milton, in 1897, on an improved method of publishing the Minutes of Synod, was presented on Thursday during the afternoon session and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

BRETHREN: Your Committee appointed to propose, if possible, a more satisfactory method of publishing our printed Minutes than the one now in vogue, beg leave to present the following report:

After carefully considering the matter submitted to it, your Committee is of the opinion that it would greatly improve the Minutes of the Synod if they were published in the following manner:

1. Up to the close of the Article on Standing Committees,

as they now appear, and that then under the different headings of the Standing Committees the other action, so far as possible, be arranged. In so arranging it there should first be printed all the reports and communications presented to Synod and referred to the Committee; next, the Committee's report on the same, and then the Synod's action on the various items, and finally all other action bearing on the subject.

2. That such action as cannot be thus arranged, be placed under the heading, Miscellaneous, and that this be followed by the headings, Election and Church Boards, Committees to Report, and Necrology; that under the first of these headings the result of the different elections, and a full list of all the members of the different Church Boards with their term of service be given, and that under the second of these headings a full list of Committees appointed to report at a subsequent meeting of Synod be given. After Necrology, Leave of Absence, Resumption and Close, and Adjournment, shall follow. The Statistical Tables shall, as now, be placed at the close of the Minutes. A careful and complete analytical index shall be appended.

Your Committee would also urge that care be taken that all the proceedings be published as correctly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, JOHN B. KIEFFER.
ELLIS N. KREMER. F. G. HOBSON.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.—NONE REPORTED.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools.

In response to Item 9 in the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to report that the statistical tables from the different Classes reached the chairman of the Committee on the morning of the opening of Synod. As this is too late for careful examination

and intelligent study, your committee will hand over these reports to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools for such comparison with former reports as the committee may be able to make.

Arrangements have been made for one or two addresses on Sunday-school topics at some of the special evening services during the sessions of Synod. These arrangements will be reported by the Committee on Religious Services.

The term of service of Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr as a member of your committee has expired, and a successor should be elected. He would respectfully ask to be excused from further service on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted and the vacancy occurring in the Sunday-school Board was referred to Committee on Nominations.

Report of Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg to present the following report:

There were referred to us the report of the Permanent Sunday-school Committee, the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classes, two items in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, and a communication from the Executive Committee of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.

We are glad to note that the new publication, the Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly, has met with a very favorable reception. It is gaining an assured circulation. In order more fully to unite the work of the schools with the home, another periodical will be published Jan. 1st, 1900, called the Junior Quarterly, intended for children between the ages of 8 and 12 years. In addition to the exposition of the Bible lesson, this Quarterly will contain simplified questions on the Heidelberg Catechism, Books of the Bible, etc. It is intended to meet a supplemented four-years' course of Bible study.

The Board is gratified to announce that the Sunday-school Hymnal is completed and is now about ready for sale. The in-

troduction of this Hymnal, it is hoped, will lead to a closer relation between the school and church service.

During the past summer the Board has employed a larger number of men to do Sunday-school missionary work than ever before. The results of this work are most gratifying. There are more requests for work in this line than the Board can meet on account of want of funds. There is a balance in the treasury of the Sunday-school Missionary Department of $7,000. This amount is not sufficient to defray the current obligations of the Missionary Department for the next eight months. The annual offerings of the Sunday-schools made on Children's Day or some other time, should in all cases be promptly remitted to the Treasurer of the Board. The Board could then more fully know the resources at its command, and undertake work accordingly.

The Twentieth Century Movement has already excited commendable activity on the part of Sunday-school workers. The statistical summary which we herewith present, is very unsatisfactory owing to the fact that in some Classes not more than half the schools are reported. It is gratifying to learn that a number of schools have made substantial gains in their membership. To make this movement a grand success we need God's blessing and a vigorous effort in the Classes, charges and Sunday-schools, to organize and push forward the work with unceasing activity. We submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That Synod calls the attention of Classes to the usefulness of the Home Department of the Sunday-school, and expresses the hope that all the schools of the several Classes, will, as rapidly as possible, establish this important agency, which has proved to be so efficient in increasing and stimulating Bible study in the home circle.

Resolved, 2. That Synod places on record its appreciation of the excellence of our Sunday-school periodicals, and requests the Classes to call the attention of pastors and consistories to the importance of using Reformed Sunday-school literature, and of co-operating with the Board in its efforts to the study of the Heidelberg Catechism and the memorizing of Scripture.

Resolved, 3. That Synod, in compliance with the General Synod, reiterates the request that the Classes adopt measures through the pastors and consistories and through the Classical

Committee on Sunday-school work, to enlist the interest of all the schools within their bounds, in the Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sunday-schools.

Resolved; 4. That Synod, appreciating the fact that the Twentieth Century Movement and the work of Sunday-school missions carried forward by the Board in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions and supported largely by the Children's Day offerings, is missionary in spirit and work, hereby calls upon our pastors and people to remember the Sunday-school work in their prayers on the special day of prayer for the Twentieth Century Movement, and urges the Classes to request their schools to give an annual offering to the cause of Sunday-school Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HAAS. H. Y. STONER.
DAVID SCHEIRER. W. A. HEITSHU.

The foregoing report was taken up and considered item by item, and finally adopted.

Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, Allentown, Pa., was elected as a member of the Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools.

CLASSIS.	No. of Schools Reported.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No of Officers, Teachers, and Scholars.	To Sunday-school Work of General Board.	To Other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	To Other Benevolent Objects.	To Support of the School.
East Pennsylvania	78	1272	9447	10719	$127 00	$260 00	$286 00	$3726 00
*East Susquehanna	52	780	5939	6719	82 00	408 00	732 00	2052 00
Goshenhoppen	26	734	4360	5094	47 00	164 00	428 00	2113 00
*Lancaster	40	920	6235	7155	240 00	572 00	305 00	2566 00
Lebanon	53	1276	7609	8875	51 00	549 00	598 00	2886 00
*Lehigh	70	1120	11063	12183	165 00	247 00	1126 00	3220 00
Philadelphia	36	887	7228	8115	150 00	874 00	703 00	4689 00
Schuylkill	35	674	4741	5415	51 00	306 00	470 00	2022 00
*Tohickon	50	612	4795	5407	11 00	97 00	38 00	826 00
West Susquehanna	54	802	5223	6025	127 00	209 00	168 00	1906 00
Wyoming	43	798	5478	6276	113 00	189 00	490 00	2643 00
Reading	27	988	7592	8580	104 00	1282 00	566 00	5151 00
Total for 1899	564	10863	79710	90573	$1268 00	$5157 00	$5910 00	$35101 00
Totals for 1898 reported	579	10514	78664	89178	$1254 00	$4312 00	$10119 00	$24792 00
Apparent loss	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4209 00	.....
Reported 1897	619	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gain	....	349	1046	1395	$14 00	$815 00	.....	$10309 00

*Membership in 1898, as reported for 1899, is defective.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

In response to Item 10, in the Report on Minutes of

Synod, concerning the printing of the Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

Printing Minutes of Synod.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that 3,800 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Sessions of Synod, were printed, bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by Synod in the case. The work was executed by Reformed Church Publication Board, at a cost of $269.37, and the Minutes, as soon as issued from the press, were distributed among those entitled to receive them. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,600 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed to meet the demands for the present year.

Report of the Publication Board of the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: In order to present to your Reverend Bodies a full and clear exhibit of the condition of your publication affairs at the close of the third year of the present management, we submit for your examination, first of all, the report of the Treasurer of the Board and that of the Business Manager. The first is given in summarized form, the second in full.

The report of Treasurer is as follows:

REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, SEPT. 22, 1899.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

September 15th, 1898, Balance in Treasury.....	$221 40	
From interest during the year.....	208 19	
From principal paid during the year.....	2,800 00	
From bonus by Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00	
From final balance of Fisher Estate.....	18 58	
		$4,248 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

For expenses of Board meetings.....	$126 00	
For Printing Report.....	8 50	
For Premium and Accrued Interest.....	74 33	
For Reading & Columbia R. R. Co. Mort. Bonds.	4,000 00	
Balance in Treasury, September 22, 1899.....	39 34	
		$4,248 17

INVESTMENTS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1899.

Mort. Bond, Massillon Church, Massillon, O.....	$1,000 00	
Mort. Bond, Youngstown Ch., Youngstown, O..	1,000 00	
Mortgage Bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R.....	4,000 00	
		$6,000 00

The Treasurer's books and report in detail were audited by J. H. Stein, and found correct.

By comparing this report with the report of the Treasurer of last year, it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by $1,200.00. Adding to the $6,000.00 invested, the sum of $1,878.94, which is the amount placed in the plant as working capital, gives the whole amount belonging to the Treasury of the Board, or $7,878.94.

The report of the Business Manager is as follows:

THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REV. C. R. FERNER, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, FROM JUNE 30, 1898. TO JUNE 30. 1899.

I.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898, as per last statement		$1,980 19
RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.		
For "Messenger"	$9,591 33	
For "Review"	628 85	
For Book Store	8,717 84	
		$18,938 02
		$20,918 21
EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.		
For "Messenger"	$9,656 98	
For "Review"	643 82	
For Book Store	6,195 07	
		$16,495 81
Balance cash in bank, June 20, 1899		$4,422 34

II.

Resources of the Board.

ASSETS.		
Cash in bank	$4,422 34	
Invoices of Stock on hand	4,071 66	
Due on Accounts in Book Store	1,093 14	
Due from subscriptions to "Messenger"	6,260 00	
Due from Advertisements in "Messenger"	450 00	
Due from Subscriptions to "Review"	330 00	
		$16,627 14
LIABILITIES.		
Balance on Working Capital Advanced	$1,878 94	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Messenger"	1,789 60	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Review"	151 00	
Accounts Overpaid in Book Store	14 00	
Bills Payable, Printers for "Messenger"	474 64	
" " Contributors to "Messenger"	96 00	
" " Book Store	58 42	
		$4,462 60
Balance		$12,165 54

J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper, two members of the Board, were appointed an auditing committee, who reported

that they had examined the books and accounts of the manager from July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899, "and found everything correct."

From the above financial statement of the manager, it will be seen that the receipts from the periodicals and book store were $1,332.13 greater this year than last, and the expenditures for the same objects, $98.44 less, showing $1,430.57 in favor of the year just closed. It will also be seen that the assets exceed the liabilities by $12,165.54. These last figures show the net earnings of the establishment during the three years of the present management.

The assets we believe to be good. The only items whose face value could not be converted into so much cash money, are the sums due on the periodicals, but if these were discounted at 50 per cent. there would still remain about $9,000.00 of net earnings, an average of about $3,000.00 annually, which is the best showing your Board has been able to make for many years past.

The attention of the Synod is called to the large sum due on subscriptions to the "Messenger." The manager's efforts to have subscribers pay more promptly have met with only partial success. We ask the co-operation of the pastors of the Synods in our endeavors to remedy this evil.

By examining the statement under consideration it will be learned that the "Messenger" again failed to pay for itself, though it came much nearer doing so than last year. The deficit this year is only $65.65; last year it was $1,294.94. If the subscriptions were paid punctually according to the conditions, the "Messenger" would not only pay all the expenses incurred in its behalf, but also produce a balance in its favor annually, and thus open the way for a reduction of the subscription price.

Last year we reported to your bodies that Rev. John N. Naly had been secured as General Agent for the Board, who was to visit the Synods and devote his whole time to systematic labors in the interests of the publications of the Church. Mr. Naly, however, finally declined to serve. Afterwards Rev. H. N. Bassler was secured to act in the proposed capacity, but at the end of five months he resigned the position, and the Board has not yet been able to find any one else to take his place. We

still are of the conviction that such an agent is very much needed, and we trust we may be able to secure one in the near future.

The request continues to be made in different sections of the Church for a reduction of the price of the "Messenger." The subscription price has been reduced at various times in the past, but no further reduction can be made at this time, unless the general character and grade of the paper be lowered or the subscription list materially increased. We do not believe that it would be wise to do the first, and we do not have any very great hopes that the second will be accomplished very soon. But in our judgment the Board, the manager, the Synods and the pastors ought to put forth united and persistent efforts to give the paper a much wider circulation, and thus prepare the way for a reduction of the subscription price. As a matter of encouragement, we would state that during the months of July and August last, over four hundred names were added to the subscription list, and that the circulation is now several hundred copies larger than it was at any time in the last two years. But while on this point we would add yet, that compared with the prices paid for family papers published by other Churches, the subscription price of the "Messenger" is not too high.

During the year your Board appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Ohio Synod with reference to the advisability of uniting the eastern and western papers. This committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them but that the conditions were not favorable at present to the opening of negotiations on the subject. Your Board took the above action in obedience to a resolution passed by the Pittsburgh Synod at its last year's sessions.

In compliance with the actions of the Synods last year, the Publication and Sunday-school Boards met in Philadelphia on the 22d and 23d days of February, 1899, and appointed committees who should endeavor to adjust the difficulties between the two Boards. These committees met on the 11th of May, and after much discussion and deliberation entered into an additional agreement which was signed by all the members of the committees and afterwards approved by the two Boards. In this agreement your Board did not secure all they claimed

they were entitled to, but it was the best to which the representatives of the Sunday-school Board felt themselves able to agree. The agreement is as follows, and is now submitted to your Reverend Bodies for approval.

Agreement made and concluded this 11th day of May, 1899, between Conrad Clever, Calvin S. Gerhard and Rufus W. Miller, a committee of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and James T. Reber, A. E. Truxal and W. Rush Gillan, a committee of the Reformed Church Publication Board. In order to adjust the differences existing between the two Boards, it is hereby agreed that from and after the 1st day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, each Board shall employ its own manager. The Sunday-school Board to pay the whole of the salary of the bookkeeper, being the position now occupied by Mr. Kulp. The bookkeeper to give two-thirds of his time to the work of the Sunday-school Board, and one-third to the work of the Publication Board. Each party to pay half the salary of the stenographer and clerk; that is the position now held by Miss Harris. Each party to pay half the salary of the errand boy; that is the position now occupied by Wm. Brown. The Sunday-school Board to pay two-thirds of the rent, and the Publication Board, the one-third. The business of renting rooms, employing additional help, or the employment of help to take the place of any joint help now employed, shall be committed to the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board and the editor of the "Messenger." In case of any question arising as to the publication or sale of any book or books, the matter to be determined by the editor of the "Messenger," and the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seal the day and the year above mentioned.

Conrad Clever.	[Seal.]
Calvin S. Gerhard.	[Seal.]
Rufus W. Miller.	[Seal.]
James T. Reber.	[Seal.]
A. E. Truxal.	[Seal.]
W. Rush Gillan.	[Seal.]

At the last meeting of the Board, held September 22d, Rev. C. R. Ferner tendered his resignation as Business Manager, to take effect on the 31st day of October. In accepting his resignation, the Board placed on record "its hearty appre-

ciation of the faithful services of Rev. C. R. Ferner during the time he was in its employ as Business Manager."

The terms of office of B. Wolf, Jr., and of Samuel Hoefflich expire December 31st, 1899. The Synods to which these brethren belong are expected to fill the approaching vacancies at their present session.

In conclusion we would yet say that in the judgment of your Board, your publication affairs have now reached a safe and solid basis, and we believe that by proper care and attention on the part of the management, and by the hearty co-operation on the part of the Synods. and especially of the pastors, the plant will enter upon a period of prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.* JAMES T. REBER, *President.*

Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Report on Publication was presented on Monday during the morning session. It was carefully considered, item by item, amended, and finally adopted as a whole, in its present form. It is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Publication, to whom has been referred the Annual Report of the Publication Board, and also a communication from Pittsburgh Synod relative to the publication interests, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee learns with pleasure of the improved condition in the business of the Board of Publication. Its income, as well as its net profits, were larger than those of the preceding year, whilst its expenditures were less.

The circulation of the "Reformed Church Messenger" has somewhat increased, although it merits and needs a much larger patronage.

The former difficulties between the Board of Publication and the Sunday-school Board have been adjusted by a formal agreement.

The Rev. C. R. Ferner, the faithful Business Manager of the Board, has resigned. The Board expects to appoint his successor in the near future.

Your Committee recommend the following action to Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod expresses its appreciation

of the faithful services of the Board of Publication which, with much care and labor, has successfully conducted the interests of this department of Church work during its embarrassing difficulties of the past few years, and through its Business Manager brought the publication interests to what is now believed to be a safe and solid basis.

2. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the able and judicious services of the Rev. C. J. Musser as Editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," and also the services of the efficient Business Manager, Rev. C. R. Ferner, whose resignation we have heard of with regret.

3. *Resolved*, That the Classes and pastors are urged to co-operate with the Board to increase the circulation of the "Reformed Church Messenger" and its other publications.

4. *Resolved*, That since the greatest profits of the year seem to be derived from the book trade, we recommend to the Publication Board to devote special attention to this branch of its business, and direct that it does not give away its rights as far as the publication and sale of books is concerned.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod does not approve of that part of the agreement made between the Publication Board and the Sunday-School Board, in which the duties of renting rooms, employing additional help, or the employment of help to take the place of any joint help now employed, are committed to the Editor of the "Messenger" and the Sunday-school Secretary; which duties, we believe, rightly belong to the respective Business Managers of the two Boards, and we therefore recommend that such reference be made.

THOS. H. LEINBACH, D. W. EBBERT,
B. BAUSMAN, JOHN W. APPEL.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The statement has been made and widely circulated through the public press, that the cost of publishing the "Reformed Church Messenger" for the last year was at a loss of $6,700 to the Board of Publication; therefore,

Resolved, That Synod herewith declares, that said statement is unfounded and therefore incorrect, and that, on the contrary, the publication interests of the Church are on a sound financial basis.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHAN HOME AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Report of the Board of Bethany Orphan Home was referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home and Other Benevolent Institutions. The following is the report, to wit:

Report of Bethany Orphan Home.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We herewith submit to your reverend body a copy of the 36th annual report of Bethany Orphan Home. In it you will find facts and figures concerning the work of the Home during the year which ended on July 6th, 1899.

We call your special attention to the extracts from letters received from those who for a time enjoyed this home of the fatherless. Too often it is the case, that those who are the beneficiaries of the kindness of others, show only ingratitude for that which they have received. It gives us much joy that we are able to show, from the testimony of our former wards, that there are many who are sincerely grateful to the Church for the help which was given them in their time of need.

We have at present 116 children, with three more admitted, who will enter shortly (97 come from the Eastern Synod, 15 from the Potomac Synod, and four from the German Synod of the East). In addition to the 116 who are in the Home, we have eight who are living out in private families, but who are still under our supervision.

All our children are poor and dependent upon the Church for support. We admit no boarders, that is, children whose board is paid for. The Home is for those who cannot pay.

As the winter is approaching, more applications are being received for the admission of children, and the probability is, that our number will again be considerably increased by midwinter.

During the past year we have received several legacies, for which we are grateful. These amounts are added to the Endowment Fund, and thus the friends of the Home who have gone to their eternal reward will continue to help the fatherless in their need for years to come.

Our indebtedness on current expenses at present amounts

to something over two thousand dollars. As we will receive very little between now and Christmas, the probability is, that our indebtedness by that time will be about four thousand dollars. We would, therefore, earnestly urge the friends of the Home to let their contributions this year be at least as liberal as last year, so that the same total amount may be raised, namely, *eight thousand dollars*.

Thanking you for your kind interest and helpful assistance in this work, and trusting in the Father of the Fatherless for His continued care and guidance, we remain,

Yours very truly,

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF BETHANY ORPHAN HOME.

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary*.

Report of Standing Committee on Bethany Home.

The Report on Bethany Orphan Home was submitted to Synod during Monday's session, and adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Standing Committee on Orphan Home, respectfully ask leave to report:

The only document placed in our hands was the 36th annual report of Bethany Orphan Home, located at Womelsdorf, Pa., which is published in a very attractive pamphlet. The Superintendent reports, at the end of the year 116 children were in the Home, and since then three were admitted, bringing the number of children to 119. In addition to the 119 children, eight are living in private families, but are still under the supervision of the Home. The health of the children and those engaged in carrying forward the work in the Home, has been good. But one death has occurred, and that person had held the position of Assistant Matron in the main building for over six years—Miss Sallie Reber, daughter of the sainted Rev. Joel Reber.

The Home is conducted, as far as possible, on the principle of a Christian family. Family worship is observed both morning and evening, and regular Church service on Sunday. The training of the children is directed with a wise reference to their mental and physical development. The school has been in operation for ten months, with a vacation during July and August.

The principal part of the income for the support of the

Home is derived from voluntary contributions of Churches, Sunday-schools, Societies, and individuals. From this source, during the year ending July 6, 1899, $8,775.17 was received. Bethany Day netted $1,462.46. Received in interest from endowment fund, from farm produce, from friends of children of Home and other resources, $3,227.78, bringing the aggregate income, up to July 6th, 1899, to $12,002.95. The expenses of the Home, up to July 7, 1899, being $12,733.95, leaves a deficit at the end of the year, of $731. The indebtedness on current expenses, up to date, are over $2,000. The Home has received, during the past year, several legacies, which are added to the Endowment Fund.

This brief statement of facts indicates that Bethany Orphan Home is under judicious management. The success which has attended this institution, from the date of its organization to the present time, has been the result of a work of faith and the Divine blessing.

Reference in the report is made to letters received from former inmates of the Home, who have gone out from this institution into the different walks of life. These extracts are of a most encouraging character, and at once show that the Home is doing a noble work in preparing its wards for the duties of life.

In view of all that is said, the Home appeals to the sympathy and liberality of the Church for its support. The word. orphan, seems to touch the heart of parents and children perhaps as no other single word can. And, since the Home is worthy of the support of the Church, including its Sunday-schools, Societies, and benevolent individuals; therefore,

Resolved, That Bethany Orphan Home be commended anew to the prayers and the liberality of the congregations. Sunday-schools, and Societies in the Church.

Resolved, That Synod herewith recommend, that the offerings during the Christmas season be sacredly devoted to the support of this institution, with the view of raising $8,000 to enable it to meet its current expenses.

Respectfully submitted.

J. KEHM, I. M. SCHAEFFER.
GEO. B. SMITH, M. L. CARTRIGHT.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The Annual Report of this Society, referred to in 6th Item in Report on Overtures, is herewith presented to Synod. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing September 30, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Lancaster Classis	$95 35
East Pennsylvania Classis	94 45
Lebanon Classis	65 00
Tohickon Classis	65 00
East Susquehanna Classis	43 12
Philadelphia Classis	36 20
Schuylkill Classis	35 00
Reading Classis	30 00
West Susquehanna Classis	15 00
Wyoming Classis	12 98
Total	$492 11

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to 21 annuitants	$975 00

We call attention also to the needs of "The Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is under the control of the Society for Relief. It has one minister residing in it. It appeals for help to carry it forward and maintain it successfully.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am, Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1899, for publication in the Minutes of your reverend body, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, as per last report	$3,826 17
From royalty on Hymnal	2,583 00
From bonus paid	5,000 00
From collections in the churches	1,565 49

From Pittsburgh Synod, special	500 00
From Daniel Stine Memorial Home	640 46
From individual gifts	259 00
From interest on investment	1,952 31
Total	$16,326 43

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	$7,583 00
For 53 annuitants	3,275 00
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home	1,487 47
For expenses, salary, postage, printing, etc	506 35
Cash in treasury, September 30, 1899	3,474 61
Total	$16,326 43
Invested fund	$41,433 00

The following ministers have been made members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Marsby J. Roth, Wm. Braun, Chas. B. Weaver, David Scheirer, Gustavus A. Schneder, J. Stucki, Solomon A. Alt, Miles O. Noll, Jas. I. Good, D.D., Albert B. Bauman, Jno. M. Sander, Daniel E. Schoedler, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Samuel H. Dietzel, David E. Klopp, D.D., Simon P. Harrington, Daniel G. Hetrick, J. Calvin Leinbach, John Vogt, D.D., Irwin M. Beaver, Albert H. Hibschman, Franklin A. Guth, Frederick C. Seitz, Jonathan H. Pannebecker, D.D., Franklin Wetzel, John A. Peter, D.D., Joseph P. Bachman, and Francis M. Line.

Annual Members.—Revs. Berchtold, Rev. John P. Stein, D.D., and Elias E. Gruenstein.

The officers of the Society, as required by the charter, are:

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., President, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. J. D. Miller, Vice-President, Duncannon, Pa.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeir, Secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

Report on Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

This report was submitted to Synod on Tuesday during the morning session, which was received and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod:

BRETHREN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home for Aged Ministers and Their Widows, would offer the following:

Your Committee have examined the report and have had

a conference with the Superintendent of the Home, Rev. S. S. Miller.

From the report and from the statement of the Superintendent, we gather that the property is in good condition, a number of rooms comfortably furnished, and, generally speaking, the Home is ready for occupancy by those who desire to avail themselves of its comforts and privileges. At present there is only one beneficiary resident in the Home.

The Society of Relief, in whom the title of the Home is vested, has placed its Treasurer in the Home as its Superintendent, and committed to him its management.

It is to be regretted that the annual receipts of the Home have not been adequate to meet the expense incurred.

The deficit is not owing, in our judgment, to any neglect of all proper effort on the part of the Society of Relief, but we take it that the institution with its object is somewhat new to our people, both ministerial and lay, and we believe that in due time its object, as well as the rules governing its administration, will be more clearly understood and also properly appreciated.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee would offer the following for consideration:

Resolved, That Synod commends this department of the work of the Society of Relief, viz: The Daniel Stine Memorial Home, to the prayerful consideration and practical liberality of the Church.

Resolved, That Synod commends the Society of Relief for its activity in the interest of the Home, and in full recognition of its work in this direction would respectfully urge upon the Society of Relief the continuance of its efforts in the way of furnishing all necessary information in order to educating the Church to full appreciation of the Home and its objects.

Resolved, That in order to call the attention of the Church within our bounds to this institution, Synod requests the several Classes to consider the matter of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home and its maintenance at their annual sessions.

CHAS. H. COON, W. M. LEINBACH,
T. J. HACKER, DAVID SCHEIRER.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, to whom were referred the various vacancies occurring in the several Boards, presented its report on Friday, which was adopted.

The Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to offer the following as their report:

I. One vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for which vacancy we nominate the following:

Mr. C. C. Leader.

Geo. Hill, Esq.

One to be elected, to serve for 10 years.

II. One vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees of Synod, for which we nominate:

Rev. L. K. Evans.

Rev. S. A. Leinbach.

One to be elected, to serve for 5 years.

III. One vacancy occurs in the Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools, for which we nominate:

Rev. B. B. Ferer.

Rev. T. J. Hacker.

One to be elected, to serve for 5 years.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. KIEFFER,

DAVID SCHEIRER. THOMAS W. DICKERT,

The election of the member on the Board of Trustees of Synod was made the order of the day on Saturday at 2 P. M., and the remainder of the ticket on Monday at 10 A. M.

The election was held at the hours specified.

The President appointed Elders W. M. Leinbach, Jno. L. J. Stoudt, Jacob Rader and Thos. Kerns, tellers. The election was held, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach as Trustee of Synod; Elder Chas. C. Leader as

Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College; and Rev. Thos. J. Hacker as a member of the Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1905; Rev. Dr. Jno. W. Steinmetz, Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1904; Elder John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., term expires January 1, 1903; Elder Daniel Schaffner, Hummelstown, Pa., term expires January 1, 1902; Elder Louis Kremer, Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1901.

Sunday School Board Eastern Synod.

Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, term expires October 1, 1904; Dr. S. P. Heilman, term expires October 1, 1903; Elder C. C. Leader, term expires October 1, 1902; Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq., term expires October 1, 1901; Elder Geo. A. Schwedes, term expires October 1, 1900.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Term expires December 31, 1904.—Jno. J. Nissley, Jno. B. Roth, Jno. W. Appel, Esq.

Term expires December 31, 1902.—Geo. B. Heilman, Jeremiah S. Hess, Geo. L. Kunkel.

Term expires December 31, 1900.—Jacob Y. Dietz, John D. Skiles, Jacob H. Stein.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Term expires December 30, 1902.—Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D.

Term expires December 30, 1900.—Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, D.D., Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.

Reformed Church Publication Board.

H. M. Housekeeper, term expires December 31, 1903; Jas. T. Reber, term expires December 31, 1902; Jacob H. Stein, term expires December 31, 1902.

Committees to Report to Synod at Its Next Annual Sessions.

The Committee on the Purchase of Allentown College for Women. Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Chairman.

The Committee on Further Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, Rev. T. O. Stem, Chairman.

The Committee to Define What Constitutes an Irregularity, Rev. Dr. J. F. DeLong, Chairman.

Ministerial Necrology.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod, the following brief biographical sketches were prepared by the Stated Clerk, of those ministers who have died during the year, and whose names henceforth disappear from the Synod's roll:

REV. JOHN M. KESSLER.

Died January 19th, A. D. 1899.

John M. Kessler was the youngest son of John Kessler, of Swiss origin, born December 19, 1855, in Reading, Pa. His literary training was received in the public schools, with graduation in the High School of his native city in 1873. He received a collegiate training and was graduated in Mercersburg College in 1873. In the same year, having removed with his parents to Allentown, Pa., he entered the law office of John Rupp, as a law student, and was subsequently admitted to practice at the Lehigh County Bar. He was an able lawyer, and served for two years as City Solicitor. Although having met with comparative success in the legal profession, he felt a strong desire to enter the Christian ministry. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, in 1885. He was ordained to the ministry in 1886, and the first charge that he served was at Greenville, Ohio. In the following year, he was called to the Mulberry charge, in Indiana, where he faithfully labored for a period of ten years. In the Spring of 1898, he accepted a call to St. John's Church, Bangor, Pa. In less than a year he was compelled, on account of ill health, to resign his charge, and place himself under medical treatment at Philadelphia. While on a visit to friends at Allentown, he was called to his rest, at the age of 44 years. He was married, May 10, 1883, to Miss Emma L. Ruhe, who survives to mourn his departure. The funeral service was held in St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., and his body was interred in Union Cemetery. During a comparative brief ministry, Brother Kessler manifested a strong devotion to the Church and her institutions. With martyr-like zeal he labored, until disease and failing

strength made further service impossible. He achieved a commendable measure of success, and his memory will be fondly cherished by those to whom he was permitted to minister in spiritual things.

REV. WILLIAM M. LANDIS.

Died July 20th, A. D. 1899.

William M. Landis was born April 17th, 1836, in Springfield township, Bucks county, Pa. His preparatory training was received in the public school and at Fredericks Institute, Montgomery county, Pa. His theological course was pursued in the Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., from 1861 to 1863. He was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis in 1864, and ordained the following year by St. Paul's Classis as pastor of Harmony charge, Butler county, Pa. In 1871 he became a missionary pastor at Lykens, Dauphin county, Pa. In 1872 he was called to the Rebersburg charge, Centre county, Pa., and in 1883 to the Beaver Springs charge, Snyder county, Pa. After a successful pastorate of fifteen years, he resigned the charge in the latter part of 1898.

The deceased leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his departure. One of his sons is engaged in the active ministry. While on a visit to friends at Rebersburg, he took suddenly ill and died, at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 3 days. He was buried on Monday, July 24th, in the Union Cemetery at Rebersburg, Pa. Many of his former parishioners from Beaver Springs attended the funeral service. The sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. A. Haas, from the theme, "My fellow laborer whose name is in the book of life." He was faithful in his ministry, beloved by his people, and accomplished a good work for Christ in the Church, and is now resting in hope, awaiting his final reward.

Request from Catawba College, North Carolina.

The following document was read on Friday, during the morning session, and ordered to be incorporated in full in the Minutes of Synod. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Catawba College, lo-

cated at Newton, North Carolina, is the educational institution of the Reformed Church in the south. To it our Church largely owes her existence in North Carolina. During many years of discouragement this school has been the centre around which the scattered forces of the Church have rallied. Catawba College was chartered by the General Assembly of the State in 1853, but the school had been opened for the admission of students in the autumn of1851. An endowment of nearly $60,000 was lost in the ruin of the civil war, and the College was left helpless. But her influence as a high school continued, and hundreds of young men and women received here preparation for the Junior class in College and for various avocations of usefulness in life. In 1885 the original charter was resumed. The first class was graduated in 1889, and others have followed regularly since.

With limited resources the College has done much for the Reformed Church in the South. Nearly all the ministers in the Classis of North Carolina received their collegiate training up to the third year in this institution, and seven of them as well as one in the Classis of Virginia are full graduates; and besides there are four of her graduates now in the theological schools of the Church. There are also several young men in the College having the ministry in view. The late Maj. S. M. Finger, who was for eight years State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, was educated chiefly in Catawba College. Hon. Chas. H. Mebane, who now fills this responsible office, is a graduate of this institution.

The College has an endowment fund in bonds and cash amounting to $14,000. The Synod of the Potomac has pledged an addition of $17,000. A friend has donated property worth $8,000, and still another friend has given a $500 scholarship.

The Trustees of the College realize that the institution at this time faces the stern necessity of improved equipments and additional buildings. These are absolutely required for the successful prosecution of the work in the future. The present buildings, equipments and grounds, virtually free from incumbrance, have been paid for almost entirely by the handful of Reformed people in North Carolina, and are worth $12,000. The Trustees, having decided to make the necessary improvements, and believing that the Reformed Church will hear an

appeal from her children in the south for help in this undertaking, most respectfully and earnestly ask your Reverend Body to grant an appropriation of $1,500 towards this work, to be paid in such annual sums as the Synod may designate.

P. M. TREXLER, *Secretary.*

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 5, 1899.

Report of Committee on Request of Trustees of Catawba College.

The request of the Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C., contained in the foregoing communication was referred to a special committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, to whom the Request of the Trustees of Catawba College was referred, propose the following action:

Resolved, That Synod herewith grant an appropriation of $3,000.00 to aid the Trustees in the erection of buildings for Catawba College and that the amount be apportioned by the Committee on Finance, as follows: $1,000 for the year 1899-1900; $1,000 for the year 1900-1901; and $1,000 for the year 1901-1902. Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS H. KREMER,
JNO. H. SECHLER,
JACOB RADER.

Session in College Chapel.—Inaugural Service in Seminary Chapel.

An invitation was extended to the Synod by the Faculty of Franklin and Marshall College to hold its session on Friday afternoon in the College Chapel, and to accept of a luncheon in Santee Hall, tendered by the Faculties of the Academy, College and Seminary, and to attend in a body the inauguration in Seminary Chapel of Prof. Geo. W. Richards, Professor-elect to the Chair of Church History in the Theological Seminary.

The invitation was accepted by a rising vote. The afternoon session was held in the College Chapel; Synod as a body accepted the luncheon with thanks. and was present at the Inaugural Service.

Report on Pennsylvania Bible Society.

The courtesy of Synod during the morning session on Monday was extended to Dr. James Morrow, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, who briefly addressed Synod on the important work which the Society is called upon to perform.

The subject was referred to a Special Committee, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the request of the Pennsylvania Bible Society that the congregations make stated donations to the Society, respectfully report. Synod has heard with pleasure of the continued activity of the Pennsylvania Bible Society in publishing and circulating the Bible without any financial profit, and so placing the Word of God within reach of all people, whatever their language, and hereby requests the pastors and charges of the several Classes to make annual contributions to the Society.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. PANNEBECKER,

HENRY H. RANCK, DAVID SCHEIRER.

Leave of Absence.

On the second day of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. O. H. Strunck, I. H. Schaeffer, and Elder Jacob Rader to hear excuses for leave of absence. The Report of the Committee was presented at the close of the sessions and adopted. The day on which members were excused from further attendance is noted in Article II., "Members Present."

Time and Place for Synod's Next Annual Sessions.

Rev. Robt. O'Boyle, of First Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa., presented the invitation extended by his congregation to entertain Synod during its next Annual Sessions. The invitation was accepted, and the time fixed for Synod to convene is on the third Wednesday in October, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M.

Addresses Delivered During Sessions of Synod.

Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., presented the claim of Foreign Missions; Rev. Jno. S. Stahr, D.D., the interests of Franklin and Marshall College; Rev. S. L. Krebs the work

in the Sunday-school; Rev. A. M. Schmidt the need of the speedy erection of the Science Building; Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., Rev. C. R. Ferner and Elder Jas. T. Reber the interests of the Reformed Church Publication Board; Rev. J. C. Leonard the educational work in the South; Rev. J. H. Apple a plea for Woman's College at Frederick; Rev. Thos. M. Yundt the requirements of Bethany Orphan Home; Rev. Carl A. Whitmer concerning the need of a new church at Washington, and the earnest, faithful help of the Church in the cause of Home Missions.

Reporters to the Press.

At the opening of the sessions, the President appointed reporters for the press. At the close of the sessions, the following report was presented and adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to assist the reporters in reporting the proceedings of Synod to the several newspapers of this city, respectfully report, that this work has been attended to. Respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. LEINBACH,
W. D. HAPPEL. C. S. WIEAND,

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution of thanks were offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Synod appreciates the courtesy of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, in extending the invitation to hold the sessions of 1899 in this church. In recognition of this kindness and hospitality on the part of the pastor, consistory and congregation, Synod hereby expresses its thanks, and directs the Treasurer of Synod to pay to the pastor the usual amount of twenty dollars for the use of the church and incidental expenses.

Resolved, That Synod, through its Stated Clerk, returns its thanks to the General Passenger Agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jesey, for issuing card-orders to secure reduced rates of fare for members attending the sessions of Synod.

Synod having completed the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical Roll was called, and the time noted when the absent members were excused. The Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when we adjourn finally, it be to meet on the third Wednesday in October, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M., in the First Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa.

Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday afternoon, October 24th, 1899, at 3 o'clock. The members of Synod gathered around the chancel, joined in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, united in the Lord's Prayer, sang the Doxology, and were dismissed by the President with the Apostolic Benediction.

B. B. FERER, *President.*
JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

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JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

SYNOD OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

In compiling this record of the given number of Members that communed during the year it is proper to state that the earlier records are not accurate, as a number of the Congregations have no entry made in the statistical tables. In the earlier Minutes of Synod the classical statistics are not added, neither do we find a Statistical Summary of all the classes in the Minutes of Synod until 1854. Neither is the entire membership given in the earlier records, but only those who communed during the year. This order is observed throughout in the following record.

In presenting this consecutive record of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., it is to be borne in mind, that it originally embraced the whole territory designated by its title. The formation of other Synods with the given dates of organization on the territory of the mother synod will partially explain the sliding scale in the numbers, that appeared in the column of members that communed from year to year.

The Ohio Synod was organized in 1824; Synod of Northwest in 1867, Synod of Pittsburg in 1870; Synod of Potomac in 1873; German Synod of the East in 1874; Central Synod in 1882; and Synod of the Interior in 1887.

In the early history of the Synod the Recording Secretary was elected annually. In 1837 the official title of this officer of Synod is known as the Stated Clerk, who holds his position from year to year without re-election.

During this interim of 83 years, Synod held seven special meetings. The first was held at Harrisburg in 1834 to adopt measures for the permanent location of its High School and Theological Seminary, resulting eventually in the selection of Mercersburg ; the second at Chambersburg in 1840 when Synod elected unanimously Dr. Jno. W. Nevin as Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary : the third at Lebanon in 1843, when Synod elected Dr. Fred. Wm. Krummacker of Elberfeld, Prussia, as German Professor in Theo. Sem., which however in his declination resulted in the election of Dr. Philip Schaff ; the fourth at Philadelphia in 1866 to accept the resignation of Dr. Philip Schaff and to make provision for his successor ; the fifth at Harrisburg, in 1868 to fill the chair of Didactic and Practical Theology made vacant by the death of Dr. Henry Harbaugh, which resulted in the election of Dr. E. V. Gerhart ; the sixth at Lancaster in 1871, to accept the resignation of Dr. E. E. Higbee, Professor of Church History, and the filling of the vacancy in the election of Dr. Thos. G. Appel, and the seventh at Lancaster in 1873, to consummate a plan of co-operation among the Eastern; Pittsburg and Potomac Synods for the support and management of the Theological Seminary, and a united effort in the cause of Home Missions.

SYNOD OF REFORMED CHURCH IN UNITED STATES.

PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	MEMBERS COMMUNED.
York.....Sept. 7, 1817	Rev. William Hendel, D.D....	Rev. John H. Hoffmeier.....	.....	.....	10,223
Carlisle.....Sept. 6, 1818	Rev. John H. Hoffmeier.....	Rev. Ludwig Mayer, D.D.....	.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	15,300
Lancaster.....Sept. 5, 1819	Rev. Ludwig Mayer, D.D.....	Rev. S. Helffenstein, D.D.....	.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	17,296
Hagerstown.....Sept. 24, 1820	Rev. Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D.	Rev. Lebrecht L. Hinsch.....	.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	21,304
Reading.....Sept. 30, 1821	Rev. Lebrecht L. Hinsch.....	Rev. Fred. W. Vandersloot....	.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	16,759
Harrisburg.....Sept. 30, 1822	Rev. F. W. Vandersloot.....	Rev. F. Rahauser.....	Rev. J. R. Reily.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	13,438
Baltimore.....Sept. 29, 1823	Rev. Thomas Pomp.....	Rev. Theo. L. Hoffeditz, D.D.	Rev. J. R. Reily.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	11,530
Bedford.....Oct. 1, 1824	Rev. William Hendel, D.D....	Rev. Albert Helffenstein.....	Rev. J. R. Reily.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	18,135
Philadelphia.....Sept. 30, 1825	Rev. Albert Helffenstein.....	Rev. J. W. Dechant.....	Rev. Martin Brunner.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	15,151
Frederick.....Sept. 23, 1826	Rev. Frederick Rahauser.....	Rev. Just. H. Fries, D.D.....	Rev. John S. Ebaugh.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	12,166
York.....Sept. 30, 1827	Rev. Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D.	Rev. Jacob C. Becker.....	Rev. John S. Ebaugh.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	12,347
Mifflinburg.....Sept. 29, 1828	Rev. T. L. Hoffeditz, D.D.....	Rev. F. Rahauser.....	Rev. Albert Helffenstein.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	12,473
Lebanon.....Sept. 27, 1829	Rev. George Wack.....	Rev. J. R. Reily.....	Rev. M. Brunner.....	Rev. William Hendel.....	11,833
Hagerstown.....Sept. 26, 1830	Rev. James R. Reily.....	Rev. Jacob Geiger.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius.....	Rev. George Small.....	14,839
Harrisburg.....Sept. 25, 1831	Rev. Henry B. Schaffner.....	Rev. Benj. S. Schneck, D.D...	Rev. Samuel Gutelius.....	Rev. George Small.....	14,637
Frederick.....Sept. 16, 1832	Rev. J. William Dechant.....	Rev. D. Willers, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius.....	Rev. George Small.....	12,056
Easton.....Sept. 20, 1833	Rev. D. Willers, D.D.....	Rev. M. Brunner.....	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. George Small.....	16,083
Pittsburgh.....Sept. 14, 1834	Rev. Samuel Gutelius.....	Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.....	Rev. George Small.....	16,455
Harrisburg (special) Dec. 1, 1834	Rev. M. Brunner, pro tem.....	Rev. William A. Good.....	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.....	.....	.....
Chambersburg.....Sept. 27, 1835	Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D.D...	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.....	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	17,034
Baltimore.....Sept. 22, 1836	Rev. T. L. Hoffeditz, D.D.....	Rev. John Cares.....	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	16,578
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Sunbury.....Sept. 23, 1837	Rev. D. Willers, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, D.D....	Rev. D. Zacharias, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	18,543
Lancaster.....Sept. 29, 1838	Rev. M. Brunner.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, D.D....	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	16,012
Philadelphia.....Sept. 28, 1839	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, D.D....	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	20,011
Chamb'burg (spe.), Jan. 29, 1840	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, D.D....			
Greencastle.....Oct. 17, 1840	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Elias Heiner, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	27,700
Reading.....Oct. 21, 1841	Rev. T. L. Hoffeditz, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. D. Zacharias, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	33,030
Louisburg.....Oct. 20, 1842	Rev. John Carer.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. John F. Mesick.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	36,400
Lebanon (special), June 24, 1843	Rev. John Carer.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. John F. Mesick.....		
Winchester.....Oct. 12, 1843	Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. John F. Mesick.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	35,201
Allentown.....Oct. 17, 1844	Rev. Henry Bibighaus, D.D...	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. J. Casper Bucher, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	31,750
York.....Oct. 16, 1845	Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	32,273
Carlisle.....Oct. 15, 1846	Rev. J. C. Bucher, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Chas. F. McCauley, D.D....	Rev. William Heyser.....	36,047
Lancaster.....Oct. 14, 1847	Rev. Samuel Gutelius.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. William A. Good.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	39,639
Baltimore.....Oct. 12, 1848	Rev. Elias Heiner, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	35,358
Norristown.....Oct. 11, 1849	Rev. John Rebaugh.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D....	Rev. William Heyser.....	40,142
Martinsburg.....Oct. 10, 1850	Rev. Alfred Helffenstein, Jr...	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	40,109
Lancaster.....Oct. 16, 1851	Rev. Moses Kieffer, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	36,490
Baltimore.....Oct 14, 1852	Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	42,542
Philadelphia.....Oct. 18, 1853	Rev. Daniel G. Bragonier.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Jacob B. Keller.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	46,760
Louisburg.....Oct. 17, 1854	Rev. Robert Douglas.....	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	49,87
Chambersburg.....Oct. 16, 1855	Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D...	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D....	Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.....	Rev. William Heyser.....	46,481

Reading	Oct. 21, 1856	Rev. Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Elias Heiner, D.D.	Rev. William Heyser	48,159
Allentown	Oct. 20, 1857	Rev. Daniel Gans, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D.	Rev. William Heyser	49,812
Frederick	Oct. 19, 1858	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.	Rev. William Heyser	57,724
Harrisburg	Oct. 18, 1859	Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. A. H. Kremer, D.D.	Rev. William Heyser	60,151
Lebanon	Oct. 16, 1860	Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Jacob Hassler,	Rev. William Heyser	63,757
Easton	Sept. 25, 1861	Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Theo. P. Bucher	Rev. William Heyser	66,688
Chambersburg	Oct. 15, 1862	Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D.	Rev. William Heyser	66,340
Carlisle	Oct. 21, 1863	Rev. C. F. McCauley, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D.	Rev. Rudolph F. Kelker	66,977
Lancaster	Oct. 19, 1864.	Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower	Rev. Rudolph F. Kelker	65,292
Lewisburg	Oct. 18, 1865	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev Geo. B. Russel, pro tem	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.	Rev. Rudolph F. Kelker	65,600
Phila'phia (spe.),	April 12, 1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York	Oct. 17, 1866	Rev. John S. Foulk	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Samuel H. Geisy, D.D.	Rev. Rudolph F. Kelker	67,635
Baltimore	Oct. 16, 1867	Rev. Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D.	Rev. Rudolph F. Kelker	68,580
Harrisburg (spe.),	March 3, 1868	Rev. William K. Zieber	.....	Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D.	.....	.....
Hagerstown	Oct. 21, 1868	Rev. Thomas G. Appel, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. George L. Staley	Henry Wirt	71,046
Danville	Oct. 20, 1869	Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Daniel Gans, D.D.	Henry Wirt	71,154
Mechanicsburg	Oct. 19, 1870	Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D.D.	Henry Wirt	67,821
Lancaster (spe.)	July 12, 1871		.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottstown	July 18, 1871	Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. John Ault	Henry Wirt	71 733
Martinsburg	Oct. 16, 1872	Rev. Martin A. Smith		Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D.	Henry Wirt	73,818
Lancaster (spe.)	Feb. 19, 1873		.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomsburg	——, 1873	Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. Wm. H. H. Snyder	George W. Hensel	51,031
Bethlehem	Oct. 21, 1874	Rev. N. S. Strassburger	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. L. Kryder Evans	George W. Hensel	52,931
Lancaster	Nov. 3, 1875	Rev. Isaac E. Graeff	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.	George W. Hensel	49,522
Reading	Nov. 1, 1876	Rev. John Beck, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. John O. Johnson	George W. Hensel	51,398
Allentown	Oct. 24, 1877	Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart	George W. Hensel	50,623
Easton	Oct. 23, 1878	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. John Ph. Stein	Jno. J. Nissley	53,614
Lebanon	Sept. 13, 1879	Rev. Clement L. Weiser, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. John O. Johnson	Jno. J. Nissley	50,789
Myerstown	Oct. 20, 1880	Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach	Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.	Rev. J. S. Vandersloot	Jno. J. Nissley	55,772
Danville	Oct. 19, 1881	Rev. John W. Steinmetz	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. L. F. Zinkhan	Jno. J. Nissley	53,902
Bellefonte	Oct. 11, 1882	Rev. George H. Johnston	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. William C. Schaeffer	Jno. J. Nissley	55,331
Reading	Oct. 10, 1883	Rev. Thos. Porter, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. George S. Sorber	John Meily	57,258
Pottstown	Oct. 8, 1884	Rev. Isaac K. Loos, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Thomas S. Land	John Meily	59,083
Mifflinburg	Oct. 14, 1885	Rev. John A. Peters	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Oliver H. Strunck	John Meily	59,197
West Philadelphia	Oct. 13, 1886	Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Henry T. Spangler	John Meily	64,641
Sunbury	Oct. 19, 1887	Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Rufus W. Miller	John Meily	65,506
Norristown	Oct. 10, 1888	Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. George W. Gerhard	Jno. J. Nissley	66,919
Allentown	Oct. 16, 1889	Rev. John M. Titzel, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Wilson F. More	Jno. J. Nissley	67,592
Reading	Oct. 15, 1890	Rev. Tilghman O. Stem	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. George B. Reser	Rev. John F. Moyer	66,944
Harrisburg	Oct. 21, 1891	Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Wilson F. More	Rev. John F. Moyer	68,974
Lancaster	Oct. 19, 1892	Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Miles O. Noll	Jno. J. Nissley	72,151
Lebanon	Oct. 18, 1893	Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. J. B. Henry	Jno. J. Nissley	72,680
Harrisburg	Oct. 17, 1894	Rev. Frank H. Levan, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Robert O'Boyle	Jno. J. Nissley	74,696
Shamokin	Oct. 16, 1895	Rev. Jon. H. Pannebecker	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine	Jno. J. Nissley	77,192
Bethlehem	Oct. 7, 1896	Rev. Harry M. Kieffer, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. D. E. Schoedler	Daniel Schaffner	73,124
Milton	Oct. 20, 1897	Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D.	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. Warren J. Johnson	Jno. J. Nissley	78,950
Reading	Oct. 19, 1898	Rev. Darius W. Gerhard	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach	Jno. J. Nissley	80,477
Lancaster	Oct. 18, 1899	Rev. B. B. Ferer	Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein	Rev. S. A. Leinbach	Jno. J. Nissley	81,121

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Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	475	415	350	35	4	25	10	18	..	15	8	20	..	$700 00	$1120 00	6	....	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville	3	500	445	210	30	..	15	6	10	..	5	15	4	..	251 00	1254 00	9	....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger	Superannuated	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Bath, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Lafayette College	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Easton, Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Superannuated	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Easton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	794	455	594	30	..	21	....	12	..	...	15	6	..	383 00	1500 00	12	75	Bath, Pa.
J. W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	540	408	280	23	..	38	8	12	..	...	21	4	..	260 00	2100 00	13	100	Cherryville, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	650	375	365	33	..	17	....	5	..	6	15	2	1	137 00	1100 00	20	....	Effort, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	First Church, Easton	1	502	443	170	9	1	20	12	6	..	64	3	1	..	1196 00	2505 00	14	....	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasauqua	1	305	245	187	27	..	20	11	4	..	3	2	5	1	261 00	1286 00	14	35	Catasauqua, Pa.
John Wolbach	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Catasauqua, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	420	370	105	11	1	14	2	2	..	10	10	2	2	325 00	1100 00	16	70	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A. Schwedes	Christ Ch., Bethlehem	1	525	405	200	18	..	16	25	8	..	10	7	5	2	620 00	3540 00	16	180	Bethlehem, Pa.
S. F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	700	550	550	35	..	55	5	6	..	...	13	4	..	155 00	1050 00	8	150	Broadheadsville, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Forks	1	422	360	258	28	..	...	2	5	..	...	10	3	..	118 00	830 00	10	35	Bethlehem, Pa.
W. H. Wotring, B.D.	Dryland	2	850	625	575	36	..	13	40	5	..	5	16	5	2	625 00	1725 00	13	200	Nazareth, Pa.
George J. Lisberger	Plainfield	3	350	280	160	13	1	29	3	13	..	20	8	3	..	188 00	800 00	6	....	Bath, Pa.
John F. DeLong, D.D.	Freemansburg	1	185	150	105	6	..	...	9	2	..	2	5	1	..	310 00	1100 00	15	25	Bethlehem, Pa.
O. P. Steckel	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Allentown, Pa.
I. M. Bachman	East Mauch Chunk	1	209	153	90	16	1	12	8	16	..	...	7	2	1	31 00	1254 00	10	25	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
E. L. Kemp	Prof. N. S. Stroud'g	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Thomas H. Krick	Weissport	1	255	160	180	25	..	8	16	6	..	10	2	3	..	110 00	1380 00	7	85	Weissport, Pa.
J. G. Rupp	Stemton	1	301	245	100	17	..	45	120	2	..	...	1	2	..	284 00	4061 00	7	....	Northampton, Pa.
F. H. Moyer	Seigfried's	1	150	130	50	18	..	6	34	2	..	10	1	8	..	110 00	1200 00	6	25	Seigfried, Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman	Stroudsburg	1	154	125	...	6	1	4	12	3	..	7	2	....	..	71 00	2400 00	5	....	Stroudsburg, Pa.
W. H. Brong	Tannersville	4	392	255	265	29	5	34	8	11	..	21	8	21	1	62 00	788 00	12	145	Tannersville, Pa.
Wilson S. Hartzel	Memorial, Easton	1	86	71	70	16	2	21	16	...	..	...	....	1	..	36 00	550 00	7	130	Easton, Pa.
William U. Helffrich	Christ Church, Bath	1	250	150	150	6	..	...	2	...	..	2	4	....	1	204 00	819 00	7	80	Bath, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	South Bethlehem, Pa.
A. O. Bartholomew	Grace, Easton	1	180	160	114	5	..	8	28	2	..	...	3	1	1	90 00	1503 00	7	50	Easton, Pa.
William H. Erb	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	161	125	150	2	..	2	2	1	..	...	1	1	..	.....	1026 00	14	25	Bethlehem, Pa.
George W. Remagen	Bangor	1	197	132	112	5	1	8	13	6	..	...	1	3	..	20 00	701 00	12	100	Bangor, Pa.
H. H. Sangree	St. Mark's, Easton	1	252	196	...	33	..	...	....	14	..	137	3	4	..	126 00	1500 00	13	20	Easton, Pa.
J. F. DeLong, D.D., supply	Rittersville	1	140	101	90	2	..	7	2	1	..	...	3	1	..	54 00	600 00	10	9	Bethlehem, Pa.
S. P. Mauger, supply	Flicksville	1	75	65	23	3	..	1	3	3	..	...	1	2	..	25 00	150 00	4	5	Stone Church, Pa.
E. Clark Hibshman, supply	Hamilton	1	186	93	...	...	..	8	3	4	..	28	3	5	..	16 00	290 00	6	15	Stroudsburg, Pa.
F. H. Moyer, supply	Bethany, W. Bethlehem	1	100	73	35	4	..	5	15	3	..	12	2	1	..	25 00	720 00	8	...	Seigfried, Pa.
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Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville	4	575	476	276	25	..	7	15	6	..	...	17	8	..	$516 00	$1500 00	20	100	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1500	1450	850	65	6	87	12	25	..	50	38	10	2	291 87	1500 00	25	100	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Eli E. Hiester	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	875	710	900	89	8	47	13	8	..	10	18	13	..	303 00	1800 00	24	175	Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	675	590	307	30	1	11	17	3	..	...	9	7	..	172 00	1200 00	20	125	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1290	1161	642	88	6	61	2	24	..	30	34	12	..	279 00	3200 00	20	200	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	506	467	406	24	..	44	10	8	..	45	10	5	1	135 00	1570 00	24	84	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1045	978	450	42	..	1	2	16	..	...	24	5	1	435 00	1500 00	16	135	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	53	52	136	1	..	..	1	6	..	...	1	....	..	177 29	83 00	12	....	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
D. E. Klopp, D.D.	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	Lebanon, Lebanon, Co., Pa.
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	771	706	216	27	2	41	1	25	..	...	7	8	..	147 00	1100 00	24	60	228 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	473	426	328	35	4	16	22	13	..	40	7	6	1	325 00	2055 00	10	118	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	Bethel	4	635	510	295	20	2	17	3	12	..	12	13	7	..	145 00	1125 00	25	40	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
U. Henry Heilman	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	432	362	265	12	..	18	....	3	..	30	11	5	..	233 00	3171 00	20	81	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
J. Lewis Fluck	Myerstown Cong.	1	463	425	100	10	2	14	5	5	..	12	6	4	..	302 00	2141 00	15	....	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Edward S. Bromer	Tabor, Lebanon	1	571	477	295	25	3	30	16	15	..	...	7	....	1	717 00	1795 00	15	151	1024 Chestnut St., Lebanon, Pa.
Henry H. Ranck	St. John's, Lebanon	1	211	161	110	4	..	...	....	4	..	115	7	1	..	580 00	2459 00	12	135	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.
Anselm V. Hiester, Licentiate.	Prof. in F. & M. Coll.	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	
.....	*Shartlesville	2	190	158	25	29	..	...	....	3	..	...	10	....	..	31 00	76 00	10	....	
.....	**Grace Church, Avon.	1	120	100	36	8	2	8	8	1	..	...	1	1	..	.....	388 00	†2	40	
.....	***Belleman Cong.	1	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	
Ministers, 20; Licentiate, 1.		51	10345	9209	5637	534	36	402	127	177	..	334	220	92	6	$4789 16	$26663 00	294	1544	

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Elias D. Shoemaker	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	2021 N. 18th St., Philadelphia.
Joseph H. Hendricks, D.D	Collegeville	2	372	317	....	5	2	2	10	8	..	....	6	....	4	$357 00	$4100 00	12	....	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
James Crawford, D.D	Christ Church, Phila	1	190	164	38	2	..	4	12	1	..	2	3	....	..	475 00	3965 00	12	....	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Detrich	St. Luke's, N. Wales	1	203	177	38	6	5	7	3	3	..	....	4	2	..	375 00	1400 00	12	15	Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.
John H. Sechler, D.D	Prof. Ursinus S. of T	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	3404 Powelton Ave., Phila.
Henry T. Spangler, D.D	Pres. Ursinus College	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Montgomery Sq., Mont. Co., Pa.
David N. Dittmar	St. Paul's, Ft. Wash'gton	1	238	187	82	1	..	....	4	....	..	....	1	....	..	500 00	1503 00	15	....	Fort Washington, Mont. Co., Pa.
Charles H. Coon, D.D	Trinity, Philadelphia	1	463	410	....	22	6	29	20	3	..	6	3	12	2	826 00	6714 00	20	....	1541 N. 7th St., Phila.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	309	232	90	6	7	14	14	4	..	2	2	....	..	232 00	1768 00	7	....	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Abr. B. Stoner	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
David U. Wolff, D.D	Boehm's	1	294	265	72	5	1	2	2	3	..	16	5	6	1	365 00	2529 00	16	....	Blue Bell, Mont. Co., Pa.
Henry F. Seiple	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Lansdale, Mont. Co., Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Editor "The Messenger"	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	1308 Arch St., Phila.
Rufus C. Zartman, D.D	Heidelberg	1	832	720	250	26	11	30	26	18	..	27	8	3	2	1162 00	6991 00	15	....	1815 Oxford St., Phila.
Warren J. Johnson	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Henry A. Bomberger	Bethany Tabernacle	1	115	98	45	6	5	12	10	10	..	3	....	....	..	86 00	1973 00	13	25	1804 Berks St., Phila.
Silas L. Messinger	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	284	218	34	3	4	8	2	4	..	....	2	....	2	1179 00	1680 00	15	45	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.
Aaron Noll	Calvary	1	97	90	82	14	1	5	15	8	..	8	1	2	..	93 00	1863 00	9	15	2714 W. Lehigh Ave., Phila.
Wilson Delaney	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	1605 S. 22d St., Phila.
George H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	123	90	90	1	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	80 00	957 00	10	....	Pottstown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Charles B. Alspach	Messiah	1	229	183	125	14	9	31	21	11	..	19	1	3	1	163 00	1596 00	10	....	2133 S. 13th St., Phila.
Albert S. Bromer	Grace	1	510	486	198	32	7	22	19	16	..	4	4	3	1	384 00	4530 00	15	....	614 Diamond St., Phila.
Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., Sup	St. Peter's, Pikeland	1	41	32	6	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	1	....	..	65 00	256 00	6	....	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Edward F. Wiest	First Church, Phila	1	226	197	23	....	5	9	42	6	..	7	4	1	1	560 00	5010 00	16	25	1206 Wallace St., Phila.
Harry E. Jones	Palatinate	1	43	41	4	4	..	3	40	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	300 00	6	....	5528 Master St., Phila.
Frank N. Bleiler	East Vincent	1	128	100	60	5	..	....	....	1	..	4	2	....	..	144 00	644 00	12	....	Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Elwood W. Middleton	Tioga	1	119	105	50	10	3	6	11	3	..	....	1	2	..	109 00	1589 00	7	41	3122 N. Camac St., Phila.
Emmet C. Sult	St. Matthew's	2	244	196	46	2	3	....	3	2	..	2	5	1	..	216 00	1055 00	16	16	Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Harry W. Bright	Ascension	1	305	241	....	4	..	1	2	3	..	....	3	....	..	311 00	2920 00	15	55	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Benoni Bates	Christ Ch., Norristown	1	131	122	58	8	5	6	1	1	..	....	1	....	..	115 00	1487 00	10	36	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
J. M. S. Isenberg, B.D	First Ch., Spring City	1	322	296	40	6	9	7	12	8	..	6	5	1	..	546 00	2433 00	13	6	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
J. Hunter Watts	Pleasantville	1	238	222	91	3	5	12	2	4	..	8	4	....	1	210 00	4569 00	9	20	Eureka, Mont. Co., Pa.
Howard H. Long	St. Vincent	1	137	116	32	1	4	5	2	....	..	5	2	....	..	143 00	1026 00	12	50	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
G. William Royer	Brownback's	2	255	210	....	....	2	3	7	3	..	....	6	4	..	184 00	1475 00	18	....	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
Glase Gerhard	St. John's, Phila	1	220	153	75	5	..	14	28	4	..	11	1	2	..	112 00	1312 00	15	....	4047 Spring Garden St., Phila.
A. Newton Millison	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Station "W," Phila.
Walter B. Jorris	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	185	135	21	5	3	1	4	6	..	....	2	....	..	84 00	1160 00	12	....	Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa.
Francis Cesnfordi	Hungarian Ev. Reformed	1	97	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	3173 00	....	....	239 Adelia St., Trenton, N. J.

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Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.	St. Stephen's, Lancaster	1	70	68	10	2	..	...	3	6	..	...	1	2	5	$436 60	$273 89	8	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore Appel, D.D.	Author	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	Without charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Millersville, Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D.D.	Zwingli, Harrisburg	1	63	43	24	1	..	2	1	...	..	4	2	...	..	23 00	800 00	6	20	Harrisburg, Pa.
John M. Titzel, D.D.	First Ch., Lancaster	1	493	370	131	12	2	25	6	14	..	7	7	2	..	486 00	2600 00	18	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Coll.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	342	234	175	8	4	5	3	8	..	...	8	5	..	326 92	1099 00	25	...	New Holland, Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard	Salem at Heller's	1	357	280	105	9	6	11	5	...	..	7	6	4	1	311 08	1500 00	7	75	Lancaster, Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer	Muddy Creek	4	680	580	280	28	3	15	6	...	..	...	17	6	..	103 64	650 00	8	70	Ephrata, Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.	Salem, Harrisburg	1	430	312	127	15	6	24	7	5	..	...	7	1	..	588 19	2718 00	18	...	Harrisburg, Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	Fourth Ch., Harrisburg	1	103	95	65	8	2	2	17	4	..	8	4	7	..	81 45	447 20	8	...	Harrisburg, Pa
John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.	Pres. F. & M. College	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Souder	New Providence	2	254	197	124	3	3	4	2	3	..	...	4	2	..	159 70	1000 00	14	...	New Providence, Pa.
Jonathan H. Pannebecker, D.D.	Trinity, Columbia	2	401	281	270	11	5	11	26	14	..	...	11	2	..	274 90	1920 00	14	...	Columbia, Pa.
James G. Dengler	Maytown	1	118	74	65	6	..	...	1	1	..	...	1	2	..	92 00	1436 00	10	10	Maytown, Pa.
William F. Lichliter	St. Luke's, Lancaster	1	248	146	275	35	3	15	1	1	..	20	5	10	..	104 54	824 61	12	361	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, D.D.	Missionary to Japan	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	San Francisco, Cal.
Newton J. Miller	Disabled	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
David B. Schneder, D.D.	Missionary to Japan	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Sendai, Japan.
Jairus A. Wickert	Reamstown	4	420	326	204	5	2	1	12	1	..	...	8	1	..	397 85	850 00	18	100	Reamstown, Pa.
Benjamin F. Bausman	Without charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Millersville, Pa.
Theodore G. DeLyre	Without charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
*Henry H. Sangree	First Church, Steelton	1	140	101	95	10	2	4	2	2	..	1	4	4	..	110 31	1050 00	10	29	Steelton, Pa.
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lancaster	2	835	670	375	22	20	36	47	10	..	2	6	...	2	1130 50	4963 00	25	140	Lancaster, Pa.
J. Steward Hartman	Second Ch., Harrisburg	1	198	164	107	8	..	...	4	10	..	...	6	2	..	276 02	1090 00	18	...	Harrisburg, Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. & M. Coll.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Scheidt, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Coll.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Charles E. Wehler	Manheim	2	280	244	36	11	3	11	1	7	..	12	4	1	1	146 59	1033 11	10	40	Manheim, Pa.
B. Howard Roth	Millersville	2	309	248	98	4	5	12	2	7	..	...	6	...	..	170 78	829 00	20	...	Millersville, Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer	Christ Ch., Elizabethtown	1	211	166	45	15	7	19	7	3	..	6	2	1	..	211 30	676 00	12	50	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Frank L. Kerr	Shoop's	3	210	172	85	14	2	9	6	3	..	24	2	6	..	180 85	800 00	14	25	Penbrook, Pa.
William Yenser	Zion's, Marietta	1	172	102	100	19	2	10	5	3	..	4	...	...	..	8 50	2800 00	10	15	Marietta, Pa.
Frederick C. Hullhorst	Bethany	3	194	170	91	9	1	11	3	2	..	1	5	1	..	128 00	935 00	12	...	Ephrata, Pa.
John D. Hicks	St. Andrew's	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Daniel G. Glass	Faith Ch., Lancaster	1	75	70	125	35	4	11	15	...	..	...	2	3	..	45 77	918 43	8	25	Lancaster, Pa.
Orville B. Wehr	Willow Street	2	120	92	33	1	2	3	1	1	..	...	2	...	..	95 02	378 00	8	18	Willow Street, Pa.
	Hummelstown	2	183	162	101	18	1	9	3	11	..	10	3	1	..	356 91	1000 00	12	...	Hummelstown, Pa.
John B. Kieffer, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Coll.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Lic. 28.	25.	44	6906	5367	3146	309	85	249	198	116	..	106	124	66	9	$6246 21	$32591 22	325	913	

*Dismissed April 11, 1899, to Classis of East Pennsylvania.

Students for the ministry:—Thad. G. Helm, Paul L. Gerhard, S. F. Gerberich, Allen K. Faust, R. J. Pilgram, H. S. Shelley, E. T. Rhodes, Israel S. Leiby.

DARIUS W. GERHARD, Stated Clerk.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Ashland, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	397	369	182	33	..	29	3	....	..	10	12	5	..	$181 28	$990 32	25	17	Mahanoy, Northumberland Co., Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Reading, Pa.
C. H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	252	229	122	19	..	10	2	4	..	....	6	4	1	96 30	556 00	8	24	Sunbury, Pa.
S. P. Brown	Uniontown	4	425	357	200	39	..	23	5	4	..	....	9	5	..	236 00	1100 00	20	....	Pillow, Pa.
N. W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	438	301	300	35	..	38	....	3	..	5	9	13	..	137 00	735 00	18	16	Ringtown, Pa.
C. B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	925	798	760	125	1	36	28	15	..	23	19	20	1	1052 00	4013 00	25	365	Shamokin, Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	538	443	496	37	2	....	18	7	..	16	17	6	..	306 00	1091 00	17	37	Elizabethville, Pa.
L. D. Steckel	Tower City	3	165	129	120	32	3	12	14	....	..	3	6	5	..	90 51	1560 00	12	28	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	425	405	359	36	1	22	5	23	..	24	6	2	..	447 00	1449 00	15	114	Ashland, Pa.
O. F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	6	329	257	127	20	..	20	7	3	..	....	4	2	..	190 00	770 00	20	44	Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
L. M. Fetterolf	Mainville	3	174	168	110	13	2	10	4	1	..	....	4	2	..	133 95	490 95	10	32	Mainville, Pa.
A. P. Frantz	Numidia	2	334	304	240	21	..	6	6	1	..	....	3	....	..	146 00	1675 00	15	20	Newlin, Pa.
George S. Butz	Paxinos	2	177	124	80	12	..	....	3	10	..	12	5	....	..	70 87	560 00	6	40	Paxinos, Pa.
C. D. Kressley	Line Mountain	6	397	298	175	51	..	12	2	2	..	....	6	4	..	157 90	950 00	25	90	Leck Kill, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Mt. Carmel	1	165	131	135	23	..	14	32	....	..	16	2	1	..	59 37	715 00	8	12	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Robert O'Boyle	Sunbury	1	300	277	200	3	..	7	10	1	..	....	1	2	1	282 00	1252 00	12	77	Sunbury, Pa.
Vacant	Armstrong Valley	6	120	70	75	3	..	....	....	....	..	....	6	1	..	5 00	90 00	8	....	Fisherville, Pa.
Vacant	Millersburg	3	411	328	262	24	1	15	14	7	..	15	4	4	1	173 70	789 19	18	....	Millersburg, Pa.
Vacant	Catawissa	1	125	95	60	9	..	....	....	....	..	....	4	....	..	80 00	740 00	12	50	Catawissa, Pa.
Vacant	Mt. Pleasant	1	60	49	21	20	..	5	4	12	..	....	....	2	..	.....	290 00	9	14	Plainfield, N. J.
Vacant	Mt. Carmel Slav	1	65	46	33	7	..	....	....	....	..	....	2	2	..	.....	224 00	3	....	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
N. W. Sechler, Supply	St. James Cong	1	40	35	25	10	..	6	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	1300 00	4	....	Sheppton, Pa.
Albert Gonser, Supply	Hope Cong	1	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
M. M. Fryer	Asst. Tower City Mis.	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Tower City, Pa.
Joseph A. Schlappich	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	McKeesport, Pa.
S. F. Hartzell	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Fredericksburg, Pa.
J. W. Buck	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	McAdoo, Pa.
Raymond E. Buts		..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	
Licentiate H. N. Smith		..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel M. Wolf, D.D.	Prin. Spring Mills Acad.	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
William W. Clouser	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	White Deer, Union Co., Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	444	420	389	19	..	23	4	10	..	9	2	2	..	$350 00	$1100 00	12	30	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
William M. Landis	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
Albert A. Black	Boalsburg	4	447	386	289	17	1	18	8	9	..	4	9	1	..	357 00	977 00	20	40	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Centre Hall	4	365	322	185	15	..	4	13	18	..	3	3	1	1	275 00	2441 00	...	51	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
S. Sidney Kohler	New Berlin	4	380	355	190	24	2	25	9	5	..	...	14	7	..	277 00	710 00	12	....	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
F. Wilson Brown	Aaronsburg	5	399	328	187	14	1	18	12	14	..	1	6	4	..	374 00	2389 00	25	74	Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Mifflinburg	1	350	305	165	6	..	7	3	7	..	8	5	1	1	707 00	2127 00	18	140	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Tilghman-Derr	Lock Haven	2	289	217	155	10	3	9	7	3	..	6	2	1	..	223 00	1600 00	12	119	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Marion L. Firor	Williamsport	1	288	240	108	9	..	10	13	5	..	1	1	2	..	221 00	1250 00	15	120	Williamsport, Pa.
M. N. George	Rebersburg	5	350	331	167	20	..	19	19	9	..	4	3	3	2	241 00	711 00	26	100	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
James M. Runkle	Nittany Valley	5	367	343	180	29	6	23	13	7	..	...	3	1	1	346 00	1389 00	23	75	Hublersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
John L. Barnhart	White Deer	3	369	318	155	19	4	16	8	3	..	...	4	2	1	369 00	860 00	16	93	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
Thomas Levan Bickel	Bellefonte	2	285	232	110	16	2	19	25	11	..	7	3	3	..	674 00	1296 00	24	60	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Martin W. Schweitzer	Susquehanna	2	112	85	55	2	1	10	14	...	..	...	1	....	..	37 00	400 00	10	19	Montgomery, Lycoming Co., Pa.
.....	Lewisburg	2	239	162	102	5	..	5	3	10	..	...	5	....	..	294 00	799 00	20	125	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
*H. H. Spahn	Beaver Springs	5	670	391	185	20	5	116	12	...	..	...	1	....	..	185 00	676 00	25	50	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
†C. E. Correll	Liverpool	7	346	300	180	10	..	...	....	...	..	...	2	....	..	33 00	600 00	14	25	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pa.
.....	Penn's Creek	3	140	102	62	2	.	...	....	2	..	...	3	1	..	60 00	300 00	12	25	Swengel, Pa.
Charles A. Bushong	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Clearbrook, Va.
Total, 16.		61	5818	5007	2855	228	25	312	163	113	..	43	67	29	6	$4936 00	$19625 00	274	1146	

*Installed June 8, 1899. †Installed June 21, 1899.

W. A. HAAS. Stated Clerk.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
L. Kryder Evans, D.D.	Trinity, Pottstown	1	710	630	500	43	2	28	10	12	..	...	20	20	..	$574 00	$3827 00	18	....	Pottstown, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Pennsburg, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	460	400	177	11	8	11	7	8	..	...	6	3	1	231 00	1000 00	15	....	Skippack, Pa.
Eli Keller, D.D.	Zionsville	4	824	435	450	42	..	52	4	8	..	...	39	6	1	489 00	1457 00	26	....	Zionsville, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	771	631	480	40	1	30	2	7	..	1	7	5	2	381 00	1225 00	16	75	Oley, Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	422	303	225	27	2	13	3	7	..	...	11	6	..	94 00	1127 00	10	....	Pottstown, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	2	589	426	300	17	2	47	11	5	..	...	15	....	1	227 00	3500 00	15	....	Boyertown, Pa.
J. Lucian Roush	Old Goshenhoppen	4	893	679	485	35	9	42	12	15	..	2	21	9	1	778 00	1552 00	24	117	Pennsburg, Pa.
O. H. E. Rauch	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	3	461	448	110	29	1	21	6	20	..	5	17	4	..	205 00	1810 00	20	....	Boyertown, Pa.
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	793	657	300	28	..	26	10	4	..	19	10	3	..	629 00	1557 00	16	....	East Greenville, Pa.
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	444	315	177	9	6	22	....	2	..	11	8	3	..	228 00	1148 00	18	134	Schwenksville, Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach	Grt. Swamp-Chest. Hill	2	536	465	264	28	..	12	14	3	..	20	5	4	..	1552 00	1610 00	18	....	Spinnerstown, Pa.
Edwin W. Lentz	Royersford	1	130	98	102	4	..	...	4	1	..	...	...	1	1	75 00	716 00	10	40	Royersford, Pa.
J. Frank Dechant	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	342 Wilton St., Philadelphia.
Charles A. Mohr	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Macungie, Pa.
Ministers, 14; Licentiates, 2.	Charges, 12.	27	7033	5787	3570	313	31	304	83	92	..	58	159	64	7	$5463 00	$20529 00	206	366	

C. S. WIEAND, Stated Clerk.

TOHICKON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. Kehm	Indian Creek	2	724	642	370	25	5	25	4	69	..	...	17	10	2	$442 00	$1382 00	24	....	Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder	Salisbury	1	104	68	55	8	..	9	5	2	..	5	4	....	..	41 00	506 00	9	30	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	520	470	310	17	..	10	9	11	..	13	11	5	..	403 00	3656 00	20	....	Quakertown, Pa.
George G. Greenawald	Sellersville	2	273	251	115	10	..	...	....	4	..	...	8	....	..	119 00	887 00	16	35	Sellersville, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Lower Saucon	4	638	525	238	26	1	30	6	3	..	8	5	10	1	405 00	1505 00	24	180	Hellertown, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	314	277	205	9	2	5	3	1	..	...	2	2	..	2853 00	1559 00	12	125	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothrock	Lansdale	1	330	298	75	13	5	14	9	3	..	6	6	4	..	281 00	1748 00	10	50	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	826	678	485	45	2	58	13	13	..	32	19	13	..	260 00	1370 00	22	80	Coopersburg, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	542	435	200	31	3	29	6	6	..	...	17	2	..	247 00	1185 00	20	....	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long	Tinicum	2	308	278	175	9	3	7	7	10	..	4	13	1	..	70 00	725 00	14	....	Frenchtown, N. J.
C. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	621	499	212	33	3	17	6	6	..	5	10	9	..	214 00	1050 00	13	116	Ferndale, Pa.
D. Scheirer	South Bethlehem	1	498	329	317	34	1	13	39	7	..	12	3	4	..	168 00	2319 00	12	120	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill	Trumbauersville	3	498	442	325	24	6	38	7	19	..	...	11	6	..	180 00	1095 00	20	20	Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, Supply	Leidy's and Souderton	2	221	211	125	4	..	...	2	8	..	17	2	5	..	133 00	746 00	15	20	Quakertown, Pa.
John Naille	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Trappe, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Bath, Pa.
W. H. Mader	South Easton	1	325	236	207	8	1	17	3	4	..	25	4	....	..	110 00	1100 00	12	80	Easton, Pa.
J. R. Bergey	Doylestown	1	233	224	98	15	6	14	19	3	..	...	6	1	..	90 00	11109 00	12	53	Doylestown, Pa.
J. R. Stein	Perkasie	1	209	193	83	13	3	9	13	14	..	4	1	1	..	136 00	1120 00	12	40	Perkasie, Pa.
J. R. Stein, Supply	Zion Hill	1	73	62	100	4	1	1	3	1	..	...	2	....	..	26 00	167 00	8	6	Perkasie, Pa.
J. A. Mertz	Durham	3	458	336	208	9	..	23	....	4	..	...	12	3	1	359 00	1600 00	18	....	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Hilltown	2	426	372	232	5	..	...	11	8	..	...	8	2	1	435 00	1905 00	21	75	Perkasie, Pa.
J. Kehm, Supply	Telford	1	78	74	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
20.		39	8219	7106	4135	347	42	319	165	196	..	131	161	78	5	$6972 00	$36734 00	314	1030	

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	CHARGE.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	290	208	100	23	..	17	....	5	..	...	16	....	4	$94 00	$1700 00	20	....	Maxatawny, Pa.
W. R. Hofford, D.D.	Egypt	4	1140	910	610	62	..	32	32	34	..	10	27	17	2	563 00	2850 00	24	....	Allentown, Pa.
Abr. Bartholomew	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lehighton, Pa.
E. J. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	925	870	500	39	..	40	....	12	..	...	23	3	3	380 00	1000 00	...	....	Fogelsville, Pa.
S. G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's	1	730	521	223	12	1	15	10	7	..	...	8	2	..	1460 00	11422 00	20	210	Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lenhartsville, Pa.
J. Fritzinger	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Allentown, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Supt. Schools Pa	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lancaster, Pa.
J. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	660	555	460	36	..	31	....	10	..	...	37	....	3	178 00	1230 00	...	....	Lynnport, Pa.
N. W Helffrich	Ziegel's	5	1000	850	600	100	..	52	....	35	..	...	40	....	5	380 00	1200 00	6	....	Allentown, Pa.
M. H Diefenderfer	Christ.	1	327	284	169	33	..	11	16	2	..	5	3	4	..	86 00	1700 00	18	....	Allentown, Pa.
N. F. Pete	Slatington.	1	560	325	250	48	3	35	30	15	..	13	12	10	..	260 00	3000 00	16	98	Slatington, Pa.
J. C. J. Kurtz	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Reading, Pa.
J. Alvin Reber	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lehighton, Pa.
H. D. Kurtz	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Reading, Pa.
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. & M. College	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lancaster, Pa.
M. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood.	4	855	733	312	63	1	86	....	3	..	...	28	7	2	280 00	1650 00	24	....	Fleetwood, Pa.
Tobias Kessler	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Allentown, Pa.
George W Richards	Prof. Theol. Seminary	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Lancaster, Pa.
T J Hacker	Zion's	1	840	652	545	27	3	33	27	10	..	26	17	11	1	966 00	7240 00	20	....	Allentown, Pa.
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Kutztown, Pa.
J W Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown College	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Allentown, Pa.
George B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	938	735	395	29	2	63	4	4	..	...	16	2	..	241 00	1650 00	30	....	Kutztown, Pa.
Thomas N Reber	Mahoning	3	535	309	317	19	..	22	....	2	..	...	6	4	1	88 00	610 00	16	....	Sittler, Pa.
Elmer E. Leinbach	Kutztown	2	411	340	165	12	..	30	5	1	..	...	13	2	1	113 00	1265 00	18	34	Kutztown, Pa.
T. W Dickert	Solomon's, Macungie	1	285	261	127	24	1	20	6	1	..	...	3	4	..	160 00	1680 00	10	40	Macungie, Pa.
P. A. DeLong	Salisbury	3	635	380	355	33	..	35	9	2	..	4	15	11	..	334 00	1050 00	18	....	Allentown, Pa.
L. J. Rohrbaugh	Trinity	1	197	139	160	6	..	14	31	4	..	15	2	....	..	27 00	1100 00	7	....	Allentown, Pa.
D. E. Schoedler	Grace	1	70	46	66	...	..	...	10	...	..	...	....	....	..	6 00	531 00	8	....	Allentown, Pa.
David A. Winter	Zion's, Lehighton.	1	654	355	410	33	2	39	45	8	..	...	5	3	..	218 00	1379 00	13	44	Lehighton, Pa.
Vacant	Salem, Allentown.	1	1263	1150	800	64	5	105	40	31	..	43	37	11	..	2334 00	4149 00	25	....	
Vacant	Lenhartsville	4	612	475	305	...	..	29	....	4	..	...	8	1	1	12 00	900 00	12	....	
T. N. Reber, Supply	West Penn	2	400	264	275	23	..	...	....	...	..	...	14	6	..	40 00	600 00	12	....	Sittler, Pa.
E. J. Laros.	Emanuel's, Lansford	1	149	34	103	2	..	...	1	1	..	...	1	....	..	2900 00	624 00	12	....	Lansford, Pa.
O. R. Frantz	St. Paul's, Summi Hill	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Summit Hill, Pa.
N. W. Helffrich, Supply	Frieden'	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
.....	Lenhartsville Cong	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
.....	Grimsville Cong	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
Morris E. Schadt, Licentiate	.....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Schadt's, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Albert H. Ginder	.....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Clearville, Pa.
		57	12446	12498	7247	748	18	619	266	191	..	116	321	98	22	$8799 00	$47920 00	320	416	

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Keyser, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	800	775	550	65	2	56	19	10	..	10	12	16	..	$425 00	$2600 00	12	60	Mahanoy City, Pa.
H. Leisse	Bethany	3	380	295	190	32	5	6	....	1	..	...	13	4	..	164 50	550 00	12	....	Orwigsburg, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Trinity, Pottsville	1	525	363	400	43	9	24	18	18	..	35	6	18	..	608 00	2500 00	16	200	5 N. 6th St., Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	295	225	225	32	..	7	19	6	..	3	5	3	..	100 00	1100 00	10	....	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	Jerusalem	4	771	602	375	67	..	32	15	...	..	7	13	4	..	480 00	2914 00	22	100	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's, Schuyl. Haven	1	365	295	175	23	2	18	10	4	..	10	4	3	..	390 00	1700 00	10	150	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	268	210	270	24	..	14	6	6	..	...	9	6	..	55 00	1400 00	10	....	Tamaqua, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	267	200	150	24	..	14	8	...	..	...	3	4	..	150 00	1347 00	8	75	Cressona, Pa.
T. J. Bower	Frackville	2	172	155	105	13	2	16	3	3	..	4	2	....	..	84 00	1125 00	14	24	Frackville, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	First Church, Pottsville	1	286	150	175	17	..	9	5	3	..	20	2	3	..	64 54	1051 44	8	10	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	Prin. High School	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Elmer S. Noll	Pinegrove	3	410	368	433	64	3	3	5	2	..	...	6	8	..	140 08	1250 00	10	165	Pinegrove, Pa.
I. F. Wagner	Minersville-St. Clair	2	217	135	135	11	..	...	7	5	..	14	4	5	..	30 00	800 00	9	140	1122 W. Norwegian St., Pottsville, Pa.
William D. Stoyer	Tremont	4	392	328	289	40	5	83	17	14	..	32	4	8	..	107 00	1540 00	20	37	Tremont, Pa.
G. W. Hartman	Orwigsburg	2	285	228	85	25	..	20	4	1	..	...	4	....	..	208 00	1376 00	12	90	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Z. A. Yearick	Trinity, Shenandoah	1	400	320	335	25	..	12	9	2	..	...	3	1	..	115 00	1612 00	20	40	Shenandoah, Pa.
*George W. Gerhard	Port Clinton	1	50	40	60	12	..	...	....	1	..	...	4	1	..	22 00	500 00	6	15	Hamburg, Pa.
*J. J. Fisher	Christ's	1	180	150	140	23	1	10	2	5	..	...	2	7	..	80 00	200 00	...	....	
*J. J. Fisher	St. Peter's	1	35	30	35	3	..	...	....	...	..	...	4	....	..	8 00	80 00	...	....	
*J. J. Fisher	Zion's	1	40	38	40	6	..	...	2	...	..	...	1	1	..	10 00	75 00	...	....	
*A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	St. Luke's	1	25	15	25	...	..	...	....	2	..	...	....	....	..	.....	60 00	4	....	
		34	6163	4922	4192	549	29	324	149	82	..	135	101	92	..	$3241 12	$23780 44	203	1106	

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WM. D. STOYER, Stated Clerk.

WYOMING CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. Houtz	Orangeville	4	274	256	77	9	2	25	....	15	..	23	10	4	..	$209 00	$793 00	9	43	Orangeville, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D.	Weatherly	3	460	293	200	48	1	17	....	22	..	13	14	....	..	195 00	1250 00	14	40	Weatherly, Pa.
George S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	336	269	118	3	..	9	11	8	..	11	6	1	..	208 00	1196 00	15	....	Watsontown, Pa.
George W. Kershner	Christ Church	1	112	61	17	4	5	22	....	...	..	...	2	....	..	1036 00	2955 00	6	....	Fayette, N. Y.
David W. Ebbert, D.D.	Milton	1	403	274	156	5	1	6	8	8	..	2	7	1	1	325 00	2242 00	12	46	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Plymouth	1	98	90	89	20	..	9	....	...	..	10	2	2	..	41 00	630 00	3	103	Plymouth, Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	519 N. 7th St., Allentown, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	170	139	178	17	..	13	5	9	..	1	6	6	..	172 00	910 00	4	8	Nanticoke, Pa.
S. C. Meckel	Retired	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
C. H. Herbst	West Hazleton	1	180	145	135	28	..	12	14	10	..	8	3	7	1	125 00	1575 00	10	40	West Hazleton, Pa.
W. D. Happel	Zion's, Wilkes-Barre	1	358	254	275	21	1	17	7	...	..	2	1	2	..	240 00	3072 00	10	35	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Jerseytown, Pa.
Sefellen E. Stoffiett	Emmanuel's, Hazleton	1	325	240	175	23	..	12	17	1	..	...	1	....	..	478 00	2773 00	12	130	Hazleton, Pa.
Elias S. Noll	Overton Charge	3	221	140	115	16	3	14	1	3	..	1	7	2	..	86 00	489 00	12	25	Dushore, Pa.
W. H. Loose	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Danville, Pa.
A. H. Herbst	Wapwallopen	6	398	312	288	16	..	9	9	1	..	5	8	1	..	366 00	1471 00	32	....	Wapwallopen, Pa.
W. E. Bushong	Danville	1	291	185	....	6	2	6	5	3	..	...	3	4	1	244 00	1659 00	12	60	Danville, Pa.
G. W. Welsh	Calvary	1	100	85	60	11	..	5	3	3	..	...	....	2	..	86 00	940 00	12	25	620 Prince Av., Scranton, Pa.
Joseph Bell	Emmanuel's	2	296	241	137	10	3	12	4	5	..	10	7	....	..	172 00	2252 00	15	40	Strawberry Ridge, Pa.
T. P. Bolliger	St. Luke's, N.W.-Barre	1	110	85	125	14	..	2	19	...	..	4	....	1	..	75 00	700 00	10	45	9 W. Maple St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
J. B. Kerschner	Freeland	2	390	310	300	35	..	33	16	3	..	...	4	8	..	346 00	1252 00	17	35	Freeland, Pa.
William Tœnnes	Grace Charge	1	415	250	360	41	1	28	26	...	..	2	9	6	..	282 00	2308 00	8	25	Hazleton, Pa.
J. W. Reineke	St. John's	1	400	280	200	45	1	42	6	7	..	...	16	10	1	185 00	1500 00	11	25	St. John's, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Paradise	3	456	430	353	8	1	36	19	5	..	...	11	4	1	330 00	1005 00	16	26	Turbotville, Pa.
A. Lobach	Conyngham	2	350	300	180	16	..	26	12	...	..	...	3	1	1	175 00	425 00	10	....	Conyingham, Pa.
John Thomas	Trinity, Bloomsburg	1	160	130	100	2	1	6	3	2	..	28	3	....	1	245 00	1091 00	14	....	Bloomsburg, Pa.
Charles D. Lerch	Mausdale	2	204	174	76	9	..	...	....	...	..	12	6	2	..	112 00	1093 00	12	....	Danville, Pa.
A. Houtz, Supply	Brier Creek	1	36	34	14	3	..	...	....	...	..	2	....	....	..	20 00	70 00	2	6	Orangeville, Pa.
Vacant	First Reformed, Pittston	1	29	23	53	1	..	...	2	...	..	...	....	....	..	20 00	361 00	4	....	Overton, Pa.
Licentiate E. C. Musselman		..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
Licentiate John K. Adams		..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	
Ministers, 28; Licentiates, 2.	Charges, 25.	45	6572	5000	3781	411	23	371	187	106	..	134	129	66	7	$5773 00	$34012 00	282	547	

C. H. HERBST, Stated Clerk

READING CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. Bausman, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	765	620	300	17	4	25	14	17	..	...	9	4	..	$4324 00	$10911 00	13	....	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Mosser, D.D.	First Ch., Reading	1	1050	929	800	55	3	35	19	15	..	...	21	12	..	1467 00	4250 00	16	....	611 Washington St., Reading, Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz, D.D.	St. John's	1	450	375	400	34	..	19	2	6	..	6	9	....	..	280 00	1700 00	14	....	611 Chestnut St., Reading, Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D.D.	St. Stephen's	1	679	567	425	32	..	26	16	3	..	19	6	3	..	400 00	9306 00	10	....	508 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner		..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Reading, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Agt. for Church Record.	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	New Berlin, Pa.
J. I. Good, D.D.	Calvary	1	342	312	142	6	..	20	12	2	..	...	1	....	1	236 00	3473 00	12	....	212 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrew's	1	510	474	400	17	1	22	34	10	..	18	4	1	..	600 00	1900 00	9	150	Reading, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.	Second	1	680	576	300	14	1	22	28	2	..	35	8	3	2	4600 00	10190 00	16	....	228 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas	1	270	234	220	42	..	12	20	9	..	20	8	12	..	87 00	1450 00	8	....	851 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.
H. K. Miller	Missionary	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	233	202	139	11	..	12	16	10	..	25	3	1	..	76 00	1580 00	12	....	152 Walnut St., Reading, Pa.
G. W. Gerhard	First Ch., Hamburg	1	335	275	200	34	..	...	11	7	..	...	8	4	..	110 00	17000 00	9	40	Hamburg, Pa.
D. P. Lefever		..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	Reading, Pa.
R. W. Miller	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	....	342 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
J. R. Brown	Schwarzwald	1	614	510	300	26	..	...	3	3	..	...	6	1	..	490 00	1055 00	12	....	Esterly, Pa.
J. A. Danner	Alsace	3	780	720	190	63	..	38	3	15	..	45	27	8	..	100 00	1500 00	10	30	1104 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
M. L. Herbein	Spies	1	425	275	395	21	1	1	....	10	..	50	8	1	..	12 00	850 00	6	....	1820 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa.
D. E. Schaeffer	Leesport	4	492	443	175	19	2	18	11	2	..	...	7	2	..	209 00	1549 00	16	....	West Leesport, Pa.
C. E. Schaeffer	St. Mark's	1	471	367	350	28	3	32	53	9	..	3	2	1	..	350 00	2149 00	10	200	2 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
M. L. Herbein, Supply	Trinity	1	70	62	52	4	1	22	32	...	..	...	....	....	..	.....	1034 00	4	....	
Vacant	Olivet	1	87	74	75	1	..	...	1	3	..	...	1	1	..	89 00	1029 00	7	5	
20.		23	8253	7015	4863	424	16	305	275	123	..	221	128	54	3	$13430 00	$70926 00	184	425	

F. B. HAHN, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, for 1899.

				MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.					S. S. STATISTICS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	Classes	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
East Pennsylvania	..	35	54	10894	8174	5702	547	17	462	419	187	..	375	192	126	....	.....	.....	12	$6856 00	$43599 00
Lebanon	..	20	51	10345	9209	5637	524	36	402	127	177	..	334	220	92	....	.....	.....	6	4789 16	26663 00
Philadelphia	..	41	35	7160	5923	1730	206	97	238	322	144	..	145	80	42	....	.....	.....	16	9079 00	71376 00
Lancaster	..	38	44	6906	5367	3146	309	55	249	198	116	..	106	124	66	....	.....	.....	9	6246 21	32591 22
East Susquehanna	..	23	61	6252	5123	4081	572	10	265	157	93	..	124	125	80	....	.....	.....	4	3844 88	21340 46
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Goshenhoppen	..	14	27	7033	5787	3570	313	31	304	83	92	..	58	159	64	....	.....	.....	7	5463 00	20529 00
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN SUNBURY, PA., IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND AND NINE HUNDRED.

The sessions began on the 18th and continued until 22d, adjourning at 4 p. m.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened in First Reformed church, Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, October 17, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 P. M., according to adjournment.

The session was opened with religious services in connection with the observance of the Holy Communion. Revs. Jno. Ph. Stein and Jos. Freeman assisted in the altar service, and the opening sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. B. B. Ferer, from the text I. Cor. 3:9—"For we are laborers together with God."

After the sermon the Synod was called to order and led in prayer by the President. The Provisional Roll was called and a quorum was in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.—From East Pennsylvania Classis.

Ministers.—H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Thos. H. Krick, J. G. Rupp, J. F. DeLong, D. D.,[c] W. H. Wotring, T. O. Stem.

Elders.—Owen Kresge, Saml. Hood, Chas. Hartzell.

2.—From Lebanon Classis.

Ministers.—Rev. J. V. George, H. H. Ranck, Thos. C. Leinbach, J. L. Fluck.[2 d]

Elders.—C. Loose,[2 d] J. L. J. Stoudt, [d] Wm. Gebhart, Jos. B. Conrad.

3.—From Philadelphia Classis.

Ministers.—Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., H. T. Spangler, D.D.,[2] R. C. Zartman, D.D.,[e] C. H. Coon, D.D.,[d] J. B. Henry, J. M. S. Isenberg, Harry E. Jones.[d]

Elders.—A. D. Simpson, F. G. Hobson, Esq.,[2] J. S. Sechler,[d] W. W. Sweisfort,[2d] Abr. Schwenk, Henry Spiess,[2] Jas. McIntyre.[d]

4.—From Lancaster Classis.

Ministers.—E. N. Kremer, D.D., M. H. Sangree, Jno. S. Stahr, D.D., Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., B. H. Roth,[2] Wm. F. Lichliter.

Elders.—Jno. W. Appel, Esq.,[2 e] E. H. Burkholder,[2 d] C. Eiseman, Jno. H. Kurzenknabe,[2] Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph.D.,[2] Hiram S. Hershey.[2]

5.—From East Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers.—L. M. Fetterolf,[d] Albert Gonser,[d] L. D. Steckel, C. H. Mutschler.

Elders.—J. R. Hilbush, C. C. Leader,[2] C. B. Witmer, E. Ressler.

6.—From West Susquehanna Classis.

Ministers.—Wm. A. Haas, Jas. M. Runkle, W. W. Clouser.

Elders.—F. W. Vandersloot, M.D., Jesse B. Piper, Jos. Neagley.

7.—From Goshenhoppen Classis.

Ministers.—Jos Freeman, L. K. Evans, D.D.[2]

Elders.—Dr. Henry Robb, Wm. G. Dimmig, L. Leinbach.

8.—From Tohickon Classis.

Ministers.—C. B. Weaver, Wm. H. Mader,[2] B. F. Luckenbill, J. A. Mertz.

Elders.—J. G. Moyer,[d] A. Eschbach, Chas. Kichline, S. Tinsman.[e]

9.—From Lehigh Classis.

Ministers.—Thos. J. Hacker, D. E. Schoedler,[d] Thos. W. Dickert, W. W. Deatrick,[3] Tho. N. Reber, J. W. Knappenberger.[2 d]

Elders.—Franklin Hartman,[d] David Gerhart,[c] M. Neyer,[3 d] J. J. Reinhard,[d] L. K. Bittner.[c]

10.—From Wyoming Classis.

Ministers.—J. D. Thomas, Ph.D.,[d] C. H. Herbst,[d] A. Houtz;[3] A. H. Herbst, J. W. Reinecke.

Elders.—N. U. Funk,[2 d] Chas. J. Shaffer,[3] A. Oswald,[d] J. Sweisfort,[d] F. Goeringer,[2 c]

11.—From Schuylkill Classis.

Ministers.—C. E. Bartholomew, E. S. Noll,[c] W. D. Stoyer.

Elders.—J. L. Kirkpatrick,[2 d] G. W. Werner.[2 d]

12.—From Reading Classis.

Ministers.—G. W. Gerhard,[2] J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., M. L. Herbein,[c] C. E. Schaeffer.

Elders.—Peter Burgey,[2] A. B. Dundor, M.D., J. H. Stein,[d] H. J. Dumn.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which the delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod. And the letters at the end of a name indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

Rev. S. L. Whitmore, from Schuylkill Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. W. D. Stoyer until third day.

Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, of Wyoming Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. A. H. Herbst from the fourth day to end of sessions.

On the fifth day Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., of Lancaster Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. F. B. Bausman; and Rev. R. W. Miller, of Reading Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. M. L. Herbein.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions, to wit:

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. S. P. Brown, C. B. Schneder, Jno. J. Stauffer, Robt. O'Boyle,[1] J. C. Leinbach, M. M. Fryer, S. P. Hartzel, A. R. Hottenstein.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. S. H. Isenberg, Ph.D., E. E. Weaver, J. O. Spessard, John L. Barnhart, M. N. Schweitzer, H. H. Spohn.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. O. H. Strunck, C. D. Yost, Z. A. Yearick, S. L. Whitmore, J. G. Kerchner.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. Geo. S. Sorber, W. J. Muir, Geo. A. Limbert, D. W. Ebbert, D.D.

Reading Classis.—Revs. H. K. Miller, R. W. Miller.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, A. C. Whitmer.

Lebanon Classis.—Rev. Thos. M. Yundt.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Cyrus J. Musser, G. W. Miller.

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. W. F. More.

Lehigh Classis.—Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.

Mercersburg Classes, Potomac Synod.—Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.

Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.—Revs. J. M. Schick, D.D., J. A. Appel, S. S. Miller.

Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod.—Rev. L. C. Edmonds.

Ministers of Other Churches in Sunbury, Pa.

Rev. C. H. Brosius, Grace Lutheran church.

Rev. J. H. Webber, D.D., Zion's Lutheran church.

Rev. O. G. Morton, First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Jas. B. Stein, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected officers of Synod for the current synodical year:

Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, President, Allentown, Pa.

Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein is Stated Clerk, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, Corresponding Secretary, Lancaster, Pa.

Elder Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Hummelstown, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was suspended.

The President, agreeably to the rules of order, defined the Bar of the House as limited to the twelfth pew from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of Synod, to wit: The daily session opens at 9 A. M., and closes at 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The evening services begins at 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. Robert O'Boyle, C. H. Mutschler; Elder C. B. Witmer.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. J. H. Sechler, S. L. Whitmore, A. Gonser; Elders David Gerhart, Owen Kresge.

Overtures.—Revs. C. E. Bartholomew, T. W. Dickert, W. W. Clouser; Elders Jos. Neagley, Samuel Hood.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. D. E. Schoedler, Wm. A. Haas, C. H. Herbst, M. L. Herbine, L. D. Steckel.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. T. C. Leinbach, R. C. Zartman, Wm. H. Mader; Elders J. S. Sechler, L. K. Bittner.

Religion and Morals.—Revs. T. O. Stem, J. B. Henry, Jas. W. Runkle; Elders J. Sweisfort, E. Ressler.

Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College. Revs. J. W. Steinmetz, M. H. Sangree, H. H. Ranck; Elders J. H. Stein, J. B. Kieffer.

Missions—Revs. E. N. Kremer, W. F. Lichliter, C. B. Weaver; Elders A. B. Dundor, A. Oswald.

Finance.—Revs. A. Houtz, T. W. Dickert, Charles H. Coon; Elders C. C. Leader, Frank Hartman.

Nominations.—Revs. J. S. Stahr, T. N. Reber, J. G. Rupp; Elders J. R. Hilbish, F. W. Vandersloot.

Publication.—Revs. Jos. E. Freeman, A. F. Dreisbach, C. H. Mutschler; Elders J. W. Apple, L. Leinbach.

Orphans Home.—Revs. Thos. H. Krick, J. W. Reinecke, I. M. Fetterolf; Elders Jessie B. Peiper, J. G. Moyer.

Sunday-Schools.—Revs. C. E. Schaeffer, W. H. Wotring, B. F. Luckenbill; Elders Alfred Eschbach, A. D. Simpson.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of the following Classes, East Penns nia, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuy Wyoming and Reading, were received and referred tc Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examin with the exceptions of the Reports on the State of the Cl and the statistical tables, which were referred to the Star Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of S and the Report of the Treasurer were read. The vacanc curing in Board of Trustees was referred to Standing Cor tee on Nominations. Several items in Report of Truste Synod were referred to a special committee, and the Tre er's Report to Committee on Finance.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Mission Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Synod's Boa Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, and erally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions fo ther notice.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees Board of Visitors, and the Board of Education of the The cal Seminary, also the Report of Franklin and Marshall C were received and severally referred to the Standing Comr on College and Seminary.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication o formed Church was read and referred to the Standing Con tee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Report of General Synod's Sunday-school I was received and referred to Committee on Sunday-scho

7. A number of communications were received an ferred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were severally opened and cl with religious service.

The Report of Standing Committee on Religious Ser was presented at intervals, and finally it was presented whole and adopted . It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Religious Services offers the following report:

Thursday Evening.—Subject, "Home and Foreign Missions"; altar services, Rev. M. L. Herbein: "The Twentieth Century Movement in Home Missions," Rev. C. E. Schaeffer; "Foreign Missions," Rev. H. K. Miller.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school work; altar services, Dr. J. S. Stahr. 1. Address, Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., superintendent of Sunday-school and mission work in the Presbyterian Church. 2. "The Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sunday-schools," Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Saturday Evening.—Altar services, Rev. L. K. Evans. 1. "Our Educational Work," Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D. 2. "Our Publication Work," Rev. C. J. Musser.

Sunday Services.

First Reformed Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. T. J. Hacker; 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D.

Zion's Lutheran Church. 10.30 A. M., Rev. W. W. Deatrick; 7 P. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D.D.

Grace Lutheran Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. T. W. Dickert; 7 P. M., Rev. J. G. Rupp.

First Presbyterian.—10.30 A. M., Dr. E. V. Gerhart; 7 P. M., Rev. C. E. Schaeffer.

M. E. Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. R. C. Zartman, D.D.; 7 P. M., Rev. A. H. Dreisbach, Ph.D,

Baptist Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. H. H. Ranck; 7 P. M., Rev. T. H. Krick.

United Evangelical Church.—10.30 A. M., Rev. G. S. Sorber; 7 P. M., Rev .T. H. Krick.

Presbyterian Church, (Northumberland).—10.30 A. M., Rev. J. M. Runkle; 7 P. M., Rev. M. H. Sangree.

Lutheran Church, (Northumberland).—10.30 A. M., Rev. C. B. Weaver; 7 P. M., Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg.

Methodist Church, (Northumberland).—10.30 A. M. Rev. T. H. Krick; 7 P. M., Rev. B. Howard Roth.

Baptist Church, (Northumberland).—10.30 A. M., Rev. G. W. Gerhard.

St. John's Church (Shamokin).—Rev. Wm. H. Mader.

Emanuel's Church (Strawberry Ridge).—Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D.

Shiloh Reformed Church, (Danville).—Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D.

River Church.—Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

Lantz Church.—Rev. C. E. Schaeffer.

St. John's Church, (Snydertown).—Rev. Joe E. Freeman.

Reformed Church, (Milton).—10.30 A. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler, D.D.; 7 P. M., Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

Freeburg Reformed Church.—Rev. J. A. Mertz.

Selinsgrove Reformed Church.—Rev. L. D. Steckel.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT O'BOYLE,
C. H. MUTSCHLER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

The printed copy of Minutes of Synod of 1899, Lancaster, Pa., was referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to note the items requiring the attention of Synod. On Thursday afternoon the report was presented, acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod to whom a printed copy of the Acts and Proceedings of last year was referred for examination submit the following items for further consideration:

Item 1, p. 51. Committee on the endowment of F. and M. College continued.

Item 2, p. 53. Instructions given to the inauguration committee to have 1,200 copies of the inaugural services printed in pamphlet form for free distribution.

Item 3, p. 68 and 72. Each Classis requested to appoint a committee in the interest of the Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

Item 4, p. 69. A committee to prepare a program for special church work services to be held at this annual session of Synod.

Item 5, p. 69. Each Classis requested to appoint a co-

operative committee on the 20th Century Movement to hold conventions at their annual sessions.

Item 6, p. 72. The Stated Clerk of Synod to communicate Synod's action on the 20th Century Movement to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes.

Item 7, p. 80. Standing committee on the purchase of Allentown College for Women.

Item 8, p. 82. Acton to be formulated by a special committee and reported at this session of Synod, which may stand as an authoritative statement as to what constitutes in the minutes of Classes an irregularity.

Item 9, p. 87. Stated Clerk to have 3,600 copies of Minutes printed for distribution.

Item 10, p. 85. Classes requested to enlist interest of their Sunday-schools in the 20th Century Movement.

Item 11, p. 99. The several Classes requested to consider at their annual session the matter of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home and its maintenance.

Item 12, p. 101. The term of Elder L. Kremer as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod expires January 1, 1901.

Item 13, p. 101. The term of Rev. G. A. Schwedes as a member of Synod's S. S. Board expired October 1, 1900.

Item 14, p. 101. The terms of Elders Jacob Y. Dietz, John D. Skiles and Jacob H. Stein as members of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary expire December 31, 1900.

Item 15, p. 101. The terms of Revs. Drs. J. E. Hiester, E. N. Kremer and H. M. Kieffer as members of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary expire December 31, 1900.

Item 16, p. 105. Synod made an apportionment for year 1900-1, of $1,000 for Catawba College.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER,
S. L. WHITMORE, D. F. GERHART,
ALBERT GONSER, OWEN KRESGE.

The action of Synod on the several items contained in the foregoing report is as follows: On item 1, see Article XIII, on College and Seminary; on item 2, see Art. XIX, on Publication; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, reports were received as being attended to; on item 7, see Art. XV, on Finance; on item 8, see Art. XXI, Church Government; on items 12, 13, 14 and 15, see

Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous. Subject matter of Item 16 referred to Commttee on Finance for reapportionment.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and adopted item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following communications and papers have been referred to it, namely:

Item 1. A communication from H. S. Elles, Sec. Non-Partisan National W. C. T. U.

Item 2. A book presented by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., entitled "The Church Member."

Item 3. A report of officers of Society for Relief of Ministers, etc.

Item 4. A report of Treasurer of Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 5. A report from Synod's Permanent Sunday-school Committee.

Item 6. An invitation from pastor and elder of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, to Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 7. A communication from Stated Clerk of Pittsburgh Synod in regard to Swander Lectureship.

Item 8. A communication from Rev. J. G. Rupp in regagard to reconstructing large charges and that pastors live within the bounds of the charges they serve.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH NEAGLEY. C. E. BARTHOLOMEW,
WM. W. CLOUSER, THOS. W. DICKERT,

The action of Synod on the several items contained in the foregoing report is as follows: On items 1 and 5, see Article XVIII, on Sunday-schools; on items 2 and 6, see Art. XXII, on Miscellaneous; on items 3 and 4, see Art. XX, on Orphans Home and Benevolent Institutions; on item 7, see Art. XIII, on College and Seminary.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report on Thursday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and finally adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report. The minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From them the following items claiming your consideration have been obtained, namely:

I.—Irregularities.

Lancaster Classis fails to state whether a majority of the committee was present at the ordination and installation of Lic. R. F. Reed, page 31.

East Susquehanna Classis failed (*a*) to adopt the minutes of its last annual meeting, and (*b*) to give the Constitutional notice for one of its special meetings. Page 3, printed minutes.

West Susquehanna Classis fails to state whether a majority of the committee was present at the ordination and installation of Lic. C. E. Correll. page 13, printed minutes.

Lehigh Classis fails to state whether a majority of the committee was present at the ordination and installation of Lic. E. J. Laros.

Schuylkill Classis failed to furnish the Stated Clerk of Synod with the required schedule of items.

II.—Requests.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis overtures Synod to ask the Society of Relief to discontinue the relation between the Society and the Daniel Stine Memorial Home. p. 8.

2. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to ask the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home to invite proposals to carry forward the interests of the Institution on a more economical basis. p. 36.

III.—Complaint and Appeal.

1. Lebanon Classis takes notice of a complaint against its decision, by Rev. S. F. Hartzell and the Old Klopp's congregation. pp. 42, 47, 48.

2. East Susquehanna Classis takes notice of the appeal of Rev. L. D. Steckel against its action in regard to Rev. S. F. Hartzell. p. 55.

IV.—Subjects Referred.

(A) The following Classes, namely, East Pennsylvania, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Reading, took favorable action on all subjects referred.

2. The following Classes took favorable action on subjects referred with the following exceptions:

(*a*) Lebanon Classis accepts only one half of Synod's apportionment excepting the contingent fund. p. 14.

(*b*) Phladelphia Classis takes exception to the apportionment relating to "so-called" arrearages on apportionment for benevolence. p. 39.

(*c*) West Susquehanna Classis does not promise to pay arrearages against it (p. 31); does not accept apportionments for German Missions and Catawba College (p. 34), and does not assume the whole apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions (p. 34).

(*d*) Goshenhoppen Classis takes exception to apportionment for German Mission work (p. 18 and 19).

(*e*) Wyoming Classis declines to assume the apportionment for church building purposes; accepts only $1,000 of its apportionment of $1,725 for Home Missions; only $700 of its apportionment of $1,060 for Foreign Missions; only $108 of its apportionment of $215 for Hungarian Missions; only $78 of its apportionment of $155 for German Missions; and only $38 of its apportionment of $75 for Catawba College (p. 38).

(B) Proposed Amendments to Constitution.—Vote on amendment authorizing the formation of Classes in languages other than English or German.

The Classes of Lebanon, Lancaster, E. Susquehanna, W. Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Wyoming, Schuylkill and Reading, adopted the amendment. E. Pennsylvania Classis records no action, and Philadelphia Classis rejects it unanimously.

On amendment giving the management of general Sunday-school work into the hands of General Synod.

The following Classes adopted the amendment unanimously: E. Pennsylvania, Lebanon, E. Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Wyoming, Schuylkill and Reading; Philadelphia by a vote 21

to 3; Lancaster by a vote of 23 to 12; West Susquehanna records no action; Lehigh Classis refers the subject to a committee to report a year hence, and Tohickon Classis rejects the amendment by 17 to 7 votes.

(C) Charges that paid apportionments in full.—East Pennsylvania Classis: 1st Church, Easton; Salem's, Catasauqua; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Dryland; Christ Church, Bath; St. Peter's, Grace Church, Stemton; Oxford Furnace, N. J.; Zion's N. Bethlehem. Lehigh Classis: Zion's, St. John's, Salem and Grace, all of Allentown; Zion's, Lehighton; St. Paul's, of Summit Hill. Reading Classis: St. Paul's, First Church, Second Church, St. John's, St. Stephen's, St. Andrew's, St. Thomas, Faith Church, St. James, St. Mark's and Olivet, all of the city, Schwartzwald and Leesport charge.

V.—Licensed, Ordained. Received, Dismissed, Etc.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed, May 17, 1900, Mr. J. O. Reagle and Mr. Calvin W. Laufer; received, July 23, 1900, Lic. John W. Gilds from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, and confirmed his call to Memorial Reformed Church, Easton, Pa.; received, September 13, 1900, Rev. H. A. Frantz from Schulykill Classis and made provision for his installation as pastor of Kreidersville charge; dismissed, January 23,1900, Lic. Robert F. Reed to Lancaster Classis; February 12, 1900, Rev. Wilson S. Hartzel to Lehigh Classis; May 17, 1900, Lic. J. O. Reagle to Philadelphia Classis; October 15, 1900, Lic. Calvin W. Laufer to New York Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Jas. W. Mabry having died May 17, 1900, at Cherryville, Pa., and Rev. Robert Lisberger, June 27, 1900, at Bath, Pa., their names disappear from the Classical roll.

2. Lebanon Classis received May 29, 1900, Rev. Henry A. Keyser, D.D., from Schuylkill Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed, May 17, 1900, Frank P. Laros and Joshua S. Bartholomew; ordained, September 3, 1899, Lic. Wm. H. Stellheim; June 29, 1900, John O. Reagle; July 22, 1900, Herman S. Shelley; received, November 10, 1899, Rev. Harry E. Jones from Miami Classis, Ohio Synod; May 16, Rev. Stephen Virag from East Susquehanna Classis; Lic. H. S. Shelley from Lancaster Classis; Lic. John O. Reagle from East Pennsylvania Classis; June 25, Rev. O. H. E. Rauch from Goshenhoppen Classis; August 23, Rev. C. H. Brandt from Carlisle

Classis, Potomac Synod; October 8, Rev. Parley E. Zartman from St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod; dismissed May 17, Lic. P. H. Hoover to Wyoming Classis; Rev. Wm. H. Sellheim to Kansas Classis, Synod of Interior; June 25, Rev. Francis Csanfordi to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod; June 25, Lic. Joshua S. Bartholomew to Lehigh Classis; October 8, 1900, Lic. Frank P. Laros to German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of East, and Lic. Albert N. Stubblebine to Lancaster Classis.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed, May 15, 1900, Israel S. Leiby, Hermann S. Shelley, Allen K. Faust and Victor W. Dippell, Ph.D., installed, July 9, 1899, Rev. Louis C. Harnish at Hummelstown, Pa.; installed, August 7, 1899, Rev. A. F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., at Steelton, Pa.; installed, September 18, 1899, Rev. W. H. Landis in Shoop's Charge, Pa.; received, November 22, 1899 Rev. G. W. Welsh from Wyoming Classis and installed him December 17, 1899, at Manheim, Pa.; received, January 13, 1900, Rev. A. Hibschman from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, and installed him January 25, 1900, at Harrisburg, Pa.; received February 10, 1900, Lic. R. F. Reed from E. Pennslyvania Classis, ordained and installed him February 15, 1900, at Harrisburg, Pa.; received, March 23, 1900, Rev. A. C. Geary from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, and installed him April 20, 1900, in Armstrong Valley charge; received March 23, 1900, Rev. J. Rauch Stein from Tohicken Classis and installed him April 16, 1900, at Harrisburg, Pa. St. John's church at Harrisburg, Pa., was organized October 5, 1899, and enrolled as a congregation.

5. East Susquehanna Classis licensed, May 24, 1900, Mr. J. Edgar Scheetz; ordained, January 22, 1900, Lic. Stephen Virag; received, November 2, 1899, Rev. S. H. Isenberg, Ph.D., from West Susquehanna Classis; December 14, 1899, Lic. Stephen Virag from the Trans Theiss Evang. Reformed Synod, Hungary; May 22, 1900, Rev. J. Alvin Reber from Lehigh Classis; dismissed, February 15, 1900, Rev. Stephen Virag to Philadelphia Classis; February 15, 1900, Lic. Henry N. Smith to St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod; May 25, 1900, Lic. J. Edgar Scheetz to St. Paul's Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed, May 19, John P. Dieffenderfer; received, February 20, 1900, Rev. George W. Kerschner from Wyoming Classis; April 27, 1900, Rev. Henry

J. Crow from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; July 11, 1900, Rev. Frank Wetzel from Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; August 24, Rev. K. Ottis Spessard, Ph.D., from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; August 24, 1900, Rev. Leighton Gerhard, D.D., from Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed, May 18, 1900, C. A. Bushong to Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed, October 13, 1899, Rev. Samuel H. Isenberg, Ph.D., to East Susquehanna Classis; December 5, 1899, Rev. S. L. Whitmore to Schuylkill Classis; December 22, 1899, Rev. M. L. Firor to Wyoming Classis; February 2, 1900, Rev. M. N. George to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; July 11, 1900, Rev. C. E. Correll to Wyoming Classis, and July 11, 1900, Lic. J. P. Dieffenderfer to Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed, May 22, 1900, Rev. O. H. E. Rauch, to Philadelphia Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis dismissed, December 18, 1899, Lic. J. Perry Ratzell to New York Classis Reformed Church in America; licensed, May 28, 1900, E. M. Hartman; received March 19, Rev. H. A. I. Benner of Wyoming Classis, and dismissed on same date Rev. J. Rauch Stein, to Lancaster Classis.

9. Lehigh Classis organized, September 19, 1899, Christ Reformed congregation at Packerton, Pa.; dismissed, October 6, 1899, Lic. H. A. Ginder to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; received, October 6, 1899, Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew from Schuylkill Classis, and installed him October 8, 1899, as pastor of Salem's Reformed church, Allentown, Pa.; dissolved, May 14, 1899, pastoral relation of Rev. P. A. Delong and Salisburg charge and dismissed him to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; received, January 25, 1900, Rev. J. P. Bachman from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and installed him in Salisburg charge; dismissed, March 1, 1900, Rev. J. Alvin Reber to East Susquehanna Classis; received, May 15, 1900, Rev. Wilson S. Hartzell from East Pennsylvania Classis, confirmed his call to Christ Reformed Church, Packerton, Pa.; licensed, May 16, 1900, Mr. Robert M. Kern; organized, May 25, 1900, St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Allentown, Pa.; received, July 6, 1900, Lic. Joshua S. Bartholomew from Philadelphia Classis, ordained him July 15, 1900, and installed him the same day as pastor of Lenhartsville charge; received, July 6, 1900, Rev. Geo. P. Stem from Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod; ordained, July 9, 1900, Lic. Robert M. Kern and installed him in St. An-

drew's Church, Allentown, Pa.; received, October 4, Lic. Scott R. Wagner from Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod.

10. Schuylkill Classis received, December 8, 1899, Rev. S. L. Whitmore from West Susquehanna Classis, and installed him December 10, 1899, in Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa.; received, February 3, 1900, Rev. Morgan A. Peters from Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, and installed him February 16, 1900, in First Church, Pottsville, Pa.; received Rev. Albert Lobach from Wyoming Classis and installed him July 1, 1900, in St. John's Church, Tamaqua, Pa.; received, September 10, 1900, Rev. J. G. Kerschner from Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of East, and installed him September 20 in St. Paul's Church, Mahanoy City, Pa.; dismissed, April 23, 1900, Rev. H. A. Keyser, D.D., to Lebanon Classis, and September 10, Rev. H. A. Frantz to East Pennsylvania Classis.

11. Wyoming Classis dissolved, October 30, 1899, the pastoral relation of Rev. G. W. Welsh, and dismissed him to Lancaster Classis; dismissed, March 16, 1900, Rev. H. A. I. Benner to Tohickon Classis; dissolved,October 30, 1899, the pastoral relation of Rev. C. W. E. Seigel and the Plymouth charge; dissolved, December 18, 1899, the pastoral relation of Rev. W. E. Bushong and the Danville charge, and dismissed him, May 23, 1900, to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod; dissolved, February 1, 1900, the pastoral relation of Rev. G. W. Kerschner and the Fayette charge, and dismissed him to West Susquehanna Classis; received, February 1, 1900, Rev. M. L. Firor from West Susquehanna Classis, and installed him February 14, 1900, as pastor of Scranton Mission; dissolved, March 16, 1900, the pastoral relation of Rev. Elias S. Noll and the Overton charge, and installed him April 19, 1900, as pastor of Fayette charge; received, March 16, 1900, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and installed him March 16, 1900, as pastor of the Danville charge; dissolved, March 16, 1900, the pastoral relation of Rev. A. Lobach and the Conyngham charge, and dismissed him to Schuylkill Classis; ordained Lic. C. D. Lerch, May 22, 1899, and installed him pastor of Mausdale charge; received, May 22, 1900, Lic. P. H. Hoover from Philadelphia Classis, confirmed his call to Overton charge and made provision for his ordination and installation; licensed, May 25, 1900, Mr. John W. Albertson and dismissed him August 27, 1900, to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; received, July 30,

1900, Rev. C. E. Correll from West Susquehanna Classis, confirmed his call to Conyngham charge and made provision for his installation; dissolved, September 20, 1900, the pastoral relation of Rev. G. S. Sorber and Watsontown charge.

12. Reading Classis ordained, June 25, 1899, Lic. M. A. Kieffer and installed him as pastor of Olivet Church; received, October 8, 1900, Rev. C. E. Creitz from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, and Rev. P. I. Deppen from St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod.

VI.—Time and Place for Next Annual Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa., on the second Monday in May A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Thos. H. Krick, President; Rev. T. O. Stem, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Thomas church, Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., on first Monday after Ascension Day A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Thos. C. Leinbach, Pres.; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., Stated Clerk; J. K. Funk, Treas.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in First Reformed church, Spring City, Pa., May 14, 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. R. C. Zartman, D.D., Pres.; Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D., Stated Clerk; Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Stephen's Reformed church, New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., Ascension Day, May 16, 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. B. F. Bausman, Pres.; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed church, Catawissa, Pa., Monday, May 13, A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. S. Butz, Pres.; Rev. J. C. Leinbach, Stated Clerk; Geo. Hill, Esq., Sunbury, Pa., Treas.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed church, Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. John R. Barnhart, Pres.; Rev. W. A. Haas, Stated Clerk and Treas.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed church Amityville (Athol P. O.) Berks Co., Pa., on Monday before Ascension Day, May 13, A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. W. Roth, Pres.; Rev. C. S. Wieand, Stated Clerk and Treas.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in Keller's Church, Bucks Co., Pa., on Monday after Ascension Day, May 20, A. D. 1901,

at 7.30 P. M. Rev. B. B. Ferer, Pres.; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. J. Rothtrock, Treas.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in St. John's church, Mahoning charge, Mahoning Valley, Carbon Co., Pa., on the third Monday in May, A. D., 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert Pres.; Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Stated Clerk; Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, Treasurer.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. John's church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., on the third Monday in May, A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. I. F. Wagner, Pres.; Rev. Wm. D. Stoyer, Stated Clerk; Rev. O. H. Strunck, Treas.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Salem's Reformed church, Weatherly, on Monday, May 22, A. D. 1901, 7.30 P. M. Rev. S. E. Stofflett, Pres.; Rev. C. H. Herbst, Stated Clerk; Rev. A. Houtz, Treas.

12. Reading Classis will meet in St. John's church, Reading, Pa., April 15, A. D. 1901, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. John Ph. Stein, D.D., Pres.; Rev. F. B. Hahn, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D.D., Treas.

In regard to items 3, 4 and 9 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, which were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classis, we would report that all the Classes took action looking to the carrying out of the wishes of Synod in regard to the Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., and the Twentieth Century Mission and Sunday-school Movements. Quite a number of conventions in the interest of these movements have already been held, and many more will be held during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. Schoedler,

C. H. Herbst, L. D. Steckel,

M. L. Herbein, Wm. A. Haas.

The action of Synod on the several items contained in the foregoing report is as follows: The items under the head of irregularities were adopted. For further action see report of Special Committee in Art. XVI, on Appeals and References. Items 1 and 2, under the head of Requests, were adopted and referred to a special committee. See Report in Art. XX on Orphan Home and Benevolent Institutions. On items 1 and 2, under the head of Complaint and Appeal, see Art. XXII on Complaint. The first item under the head of subjects referred,

was adopted. The sub-items, a, c, d and e, were referred to a special committee. For the action adopted see the Report in Article XVI on Appeals and References.

The items referring to the proposed amendments and the payment of the apportionments in full were adopted.

The items under the head of Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission; also the items in regard to time and place of the next annual meeting of Classes, were severally adopted.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That in explanation of the above meagre array of congregations that paid the apportionments in full, there is reason for believing that some of the Classes failed to report on the subject, and others probably confused paying the apportionment in full as laid by Synod with paying the modified apportionments as assumed by Classis.

Resolved, 2. That the Classes be instructed hereafter regularly to report all congregations paying the apportionment in full as laid by Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination and Licensure presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would beg leave to report that no candidates were referred and hence the Committee has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following Report of the State of the Church was presented during the session on Monday, which was adopted. It is as follows, to-wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—From the several reports placed in the hands of your Committee on Religion and Morals, we gratefully note the cheering fact, that the year just ended was not only one of abundant labors, but also of signal success. Prosperity has waited upon the toil of the workmen that are engaged in building the walls of Zion. As a part of the great host that is moving

steadily forward to the conquest of the world, we, as a Church have enjoyed a large measure of blessing, God having smiled upon and crowned our efforts with a rich fruitage. To Him be all the glory. We may well say, in the language of one of the reports, that "never in the history of our denomination were there more evident signs of progress than are manifest on every side today;" and from all the reports there comes a jubilant note of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the peace and prosperity that abound within our borders. God has been moving among us, and "the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding us into ever-expanding yet unifying service and truth." The activities of the Church have been stirred and enlarged, and a more profound apprehension that "we are God's fellow-workers" in the accomplishment of His glorious designs seems to have seized upon the consciousness of pastors and people, stimulating them to new zeal in the Master's work. A keener and clearer perception of what the call to labor in His vineyard involves, as well as of opportunity and responsibility has evidently come to the leaders in the cause of Christ and man, and is moving all to renewed energy. The rank and file—the membership—responded nobly to the challenge to buckle on anew the armor provided by the Great Captain, and the outcome of which has been increased activity and prosperity in all departments of Church work, and an awakening that promises greater and better things for the years of the coming century.

These results have been attained not by any new methods, schemes or means, for none of the reports speak of any such things; but all as with one voice set forth the fact that the means used were the century-tested, God-appointed and God-approved forces and appliances. The Word was faithfully preached, the sacraments administered, the young catechized, the children of the Church gathered into the Sunday-school and shepherded as the lambs of the flock, while missionary and young people's societies and leagues were fostered as agencies that are helpful and necessary in this age, serving well to develop the latent energies of the Kingdom.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it," is a proverb that we will do well to heed. Give us the children and young people and let us thoroughly indoctrinate, train and equip them for the work of the Master, and they will become a force for good that can hardly be overestimated.

New churches have been erected, old ones remodeled, enlarged and beautified; new congregations organized, old charges reconstructed and new ones constituted. And it is gratifying to note that a praiseworthy advance has been made in the matter of benevolence. Many charges and congregations paid their apportionments in full, some contributing largely in excess; whilst others are making earnest efforts to meet all their obligations.

It is difficult to estimate results in Christ's Kingdom, for they can not be measured by worldly standards of success. But though "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation," but "is within you," yet it manifests itself in the forms and activities of life among men and may be judged by its life-products. Taking this as true, and looking at the things culled from the several reports and enumerated above, we may well say that the state of Religion and Morals within our bounds is good and highly commendable.

There is, of course, as is always the case, a dark background to this picture. This, however, only serves to bring out in bold relief the success that has attended the earnest efforts made and the faithful service rendered under adverse circumstances and conditions. Many of the reports bewail the fact that there is a great deal of worldlymindedness and indifference among men, weaning them away from the Church and making them obtuse to the claims of the Kingdom. As hindrances and obstacles to Church and Sunday-school work, the glaring desecration of the Sabbath, the open saloon, the Sunday press and other kindred evils are enumerated, while card playing, dancing and theatre going are regarded as having an altogether too great a fascination for many of our people, and serve to permeate our social circles and our homes with a spirit directly adverse to that of the Master. All these things call for renewed activity for more fervent prayers and for more direct preaching against the forms of social and civil crime.

From the statistical table, as compared with that of last year, we learn that the gains were as follows: In number of ministers, 7; in communicant membership, 1410; in number of Sunday-schools, 5; in contributions for benevolence, $17,639.

There has been a decrease in the number of Sunday-school teachers, officers and scholars reported, which is, however, more apparent than real, and is largely accounted for by incomplete

statistics. The decrease in the number of Church papers taken is owing to the discontinuance of *Church Tidings.*

We leave the year's work with God. We ascribe to Him all the glory and honor for what has been accomplished, and look hopefully into the future. Standing at the threshold of the Twentieth Century, let us fervently pray for such a spiritual awakening and marshalling of our forces as will make us acceptable and efficient co-workers with God, and so help to hasten the day when "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, J. SWEISFORT.
J. B. HENRY, J. M. RUNKLE

(For Statistics, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

F. AND M. COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors.

(a)—Report of Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held one special and two regular meetings.

The special meeting was held March 28th, 1900, to authorize the sale of the Simmons property, which the Board was obliged to buy in 1896.

The first regular meeting was held on May 10th, 1900, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth; and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

At this meeting the Treasurer was authorized to make a deduction of $2,000 in the Endowment Fund to cover the loss arising from the sale of the Simmons property.

A communication (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) was received from Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, agent of the "Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," whereupon the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the church are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. I. Swander for this additional exhibition of their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, and that the Board accepts the same with heartfelt gratitude upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to that governing the $12,000 bequest already conveyed.

The following minute was adopted relative to the death of Frank Geise, Esq., a brother member of the Board:

The Board deeply laments the death of their co-laborer, and place on record their high appreciation of his services in the position he held as member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. He was deeply interested in the work of the church and of the Seminary, and was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice in their behalf. His Christian character and gentlemanly bearing made themselves felt in the county in which he lived, in the church he loved, and in every sphere in which he was called to labor. The Board feels sensible of the loss they have sustained and shall miss his wise counsel in their deliberations, and express their sympathy by ordering this memorial to be spread upon their minutes.

The second regular meeting was held October 9th, 1900. After an examination of the investments of the Endowment Fund and a comparison of the income thereof with the annual expenses, the Board passed the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, owing to reduced rates of interest received from the securities held by the Board, and owing to the increased expenses, incurred annually since the erection of the Seminary building, the income from the Endowment Fund is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the institution, therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the church be called to the fact that there will be an annual deficit until such time, when said Endowment Fund is increased by will or otherwise, and

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion two thousand ($2,000) dollars towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	$900 00
Potomac Synod	600 00
Pittsburgh Synod	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 9th, 1900.

TIFFIN, OHIO, April 6, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster. Pa.:

GENTLEMEN: It is with pleasure that I submit this my second annual report as agent for the management of "The Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," at present in my possession as custodian.

You will see by reference to my first report dated April 30, 1899, that I had on hand and in bank $1,105.50. Interest collected during the year as follows:

On Investment No. 1, Mrs. Amsden's note.....	$240 00
On Investment No. 2, the Morcher note.....	146 25
On Investment No. 3, the Orson Jopp note.....	195 00
On Investment No. 4, my personal note.....	30 00
Total	$1,716 75

The above amount is subject to order as per terms of the deed of conveyance. There has been no occasion for re-investment of the principal. Your agent agreed with Mr. Jopp that he is to keep his $3,000 until April 1st, 1903, at 5½ per cent. payable annually.

On the 12th day of last December I received $5,000 from a certain friend of mine and invested the same in a loan on good real estate in the town of Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, for 5 years at 6 per cent. payable semi-annually (principal and interest) to "J. I. Swander, agent," for "The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary located at Lancaster, Pa." It is the intention of the donor that your agent shall formally convey the same to your honorable Board at an early date upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to those governing the $12,000 bequest already conveyed.

I may further add that it seems highly probable that at an early date there will be invested $3,000 additional to make the fund in all $20,000, should Pittsburgh Synod, your honorable Board and all other interested parties and Boards agree to receive it, and agree as to the manner the fund may be put to work for the benefit of the Seminary and the advancement of Christological truth.

In the meantime I am as ever,

Respectfully,

J. I. SWANDER, *Agent.*

Report of Treasurer of Theological Seminary.

LANCASTER, October 1, 1900.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1899.		DR.	
Oct. 2.	For interest of	S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	$ 75 00
Oct. 2.	"	P. C. M. Raub, to Oct. 1, 1899....	91 00
Oct. 3.	"	E. S. Stehman, to Oct. 1, 1899....	30 00
Oct. 9.	"	Kieffer legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	237 50
Oct. 9.	"	Cook legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	30 00
Oct. 19.	For sale of	Iron.....	3 00
Oct. 25.	For rent of	Becker property.....	75 00
Nov. 3.	For interest of	St. Stephen's congregation.....	6 00
Nov. 13.	"	Balt. and Harr'g R. R. bonds, to Nov. 1, 1899.....	23 00
Nov. 13.	"	Sunb'y, H. & W. R. R. bonds, to Nov. 1, 1899.....	28 00
Nov. 11.	"	Scranton Traction Co. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1899.....	30 00
Nov. 13.	"	West End Traction Co. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1899.....	2 50
Nov. 16.	"	St. John's Lutheran Church Bonds to Nov. 15, 1899.....	106 00
Dec. 1.	"	Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds, to Dec. 1, 1899.....	150 00
Dec. 18.	"	I. E. McFarland, mortgage, to Dec. 15, 1899.....	118 13
1900.			
Jan. 5.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, on account..	25 00
Jan. 9.	"	Allemannia F. Ins. Co.....	20 00
Jan. 15.	"	Lancaster Trust Co.....	19 62
Jan. 15.	"	W. U. Hensel.....	25 00
Feb. 6.	"	Jno. F. Bassler, to April 1, 1899..	37 00
Feb. 21.	"	A. A. & J. Fritz, to April 1, 1900..	78 00
Feb. 23.	"	E. J. Perry, to Feb. 18, 1900....	60 00
Mch. 2.	"	Springfield W. B., to March 1, 1900	37 50
Mch. 2.	"	Berwyn W. B., to March 1, 1900.	60 00
Mch. 21.	"	Lancaster Trust Co., to date.....	94 58
Mch. 21.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to April 1,	95 00
Mch. 23.	"	Isaac S. Groff, to April 1, 1900..	82 50
Mch. 27.	"	F. G. Westley, to April 1, 1900..	48 00
Mch. 27.	"	W. U. Hensel, to April 1, 1900..	120 00
Mch. 29.	"	S. M. Keen, to April 1, 1900....	60 00
Mch. 30.	"	W. U. Hensel, Treasurer, to April 1, 1900.....	180 00
Mch. 31.	"	A. Kunkle, to April 1, 1900.....	38 50
Mch. 31.	"	E. K. Herr, to April 1, 1900.....	78 00
Mch. 31.	"	E. M. Eshleman, to April 1, 1900.	162 00
Apr. 2.	"	S. J. Johnson, to April 1, 1900..	90 00
Apr. 3.	"	J. P. M. Raub, to April 1, 1900..	91 00
Apr. 3.	"	Lancaster Traction Co., to April 1, 1900.....	137 50
Apr. 3.	"	W. S. Martin, Treasurer, to April 1, 1900.....	70 00
Apr. 4.	"	Lane & Co., to June 9, 1900.....	55 00
Apr. 6.	"	Kieffer Legacy, to April 1, 1900..	237 50
Apr. 6.	"	Cook Legacy, to April 1, 1900....	30 00
	Amount over.....		$3,036 83

1900.			
		Amount brought over.....	$3,036 83
Apr. 6.	For Interest of Lehigh Classis, to April 1, 1900.		15 00
Apr. 7.	For Cash of Claude B. Davis, on account.....		50 00
Apr. 11.	For Interest of E. Smithgall, to April 1, 1900..		27 50
Apr. 12.	"	John Becker, property.....	77 00
Apr. 16.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, to April 1, 1900	25 00
Apr. 16.	"	on Note.....	3 34
Apr. 16.	"	W. F. Hambright, to April 17, 1900	75 00
Apr. 16.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account.	40 00
Apr. 25.	"	Chickies Iron Co., to April 1, 1900	28 08
Apr. 30.	"	West End Traction Co., to May 1, 1900.....	2 50
May 1.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, on account....	170 00
May 3.	"	Scranton Traction Co., to May 1, 1900.....	30 00
May 3.	"	Sunb'y,W. & H. R. R. Co.,to May 1, 1900.....	28 00
May 3.	"	Balt. & Harg. R. R. Co., to May 1, 1900.....	23 00
May 9.	"	on Loan.....	17 50
May 14.	"	St. John's L. C. L. Bonds, to May 15, 1900.....	106 00
May 17.	"	E. Susquehanna Classis, to March 4, 1900.....	30 00
May 21.	"	Amos Christ, to April 1, 1900....	90 00
June 1.	"	Lehigh Valley R. R. Bonds, to June 1, 1900.....	150 00
June 11.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account.	25 00
June 11.	"	I. E. McFarland, to June 15, 1900.	118 13
July 2.	For Cash paid by C. B. Davis.....		25 00
July 2.	For Interest on Loan, to July 1, 1900.....		43 75
July 10.	"	Harg. Bridge Co., to July 1, 1900.	4 50
July 10.	"	Allemannia F. Ins. Co.....	20 00
July 25.	"	W. U. Hensel, on account.....	25 00
Aug. 27.	"	E. A. Morgan Bond, to Sept. 1, 1900	60 00
Aug. 29.	"	Lane & Co., to Oct. 1, 1900.....	14 13
Aug. 31.	"	Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1900.	15 00
Aug. 31.	"	Zion's Classis, in full.....	5 12
Sept. 4.	"	Berwyn Water Bonds, to Sept. 1, 1900.....	60 00
Sept. 4.	"	Springfield Water Bonds, to Sept. 1, 1900.....	37 50
Sept. 4.	"	C. H. Locher, to date.....	145 40
Sept. 6.	"	E. J. Perry, to Aug. 18, 1900..	60 00
Sept. 14.	"	Aid Fund, to Oct. 1, 1900.....	388 73
Sept. 19.	"	E. M. Eshleman, to Oct. 1, 1900..	162 00
Sept. 20.	"	B. S. Schindle, to Oct. 1, 1900..	125 00
Sept. 22.	"	Rev. J. C. Bowman, to Oct. 1, 1900	25 00
Sept. 24.	"	Geo. W. Schroyers, to Oct. 1, 1900	95 00
Sept. 25.	"	J. P. M. Raub, to Oct. 1, 1900..	143 00
Sept. 29.	"	Kieffer Legacy, on account.....	162 50
Sept. 29.	"	Traction Company Coupons, to	

		Oct. 1, 1900	$137 50
Sept. 29.	For Interest A. A. & J. Fritz, to October 1, 1900		78 00
Sept. 29.	Balance of Seminary Aid Fund transferred		1,368 58
			$7,368 59

1899.		Cr.	
Oct. 1.	By amount balance due Endowment Fund, to date		$4,345 48
Oct. 3.	"	paid Prof. G. W. Richards, on account	200 00
Oct. 4.	"	paid B. B. Martin & Co., Coal Bill.	195 08
Oct. 4.	"	paid Sundry Bills	3 80
Oct. 6.	"	paid Goodell's Bill	22 54
Oct. 7.	"	paid Treas. J. B. Roth, to Oct. 1, 1899	85 00
Oct. 10.	"	paid Flinn & Breneman's Bill	38 50
Oct. 19.	"	paid City Water Bill, by meter, Oct. 1, 1899	5 30
Oct. 20.	"	paid Seminary ad, in H. Book	5 co
Oct. 21.	"	paid Wickersham Print. Co.'s Bill.	3 00
Oct. 23.	"	paid Seminary ad. in Directory	5 00
Oct. 26.	"	paid D. H. Miller's Bill	6 80
Nov. 1.	"	paid H. F. Auxer's Bill	9 90
Nov. 1.	"	paid Seminary Electric Light Bill, for Oct. 1, 1899	2 96
Nov. 2.	"	paid Becker property, fire insurance	14 20
Nov. 6.	"	paid F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary	200 00
Nov. 6.	"	paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D. on salary.	200 00
Nov. 6.	"	paid Prof. G. W. Richards, on salary	125 00
Nov. 13.	"	paid Treas. Bond, Lancaster Trust Co.	50 00
Nov. 14.	"	paid Stoner, Shriner & Co,'s Bill	10 39
Nov. 21.	"	paid Bill for Sundry repairs	5 00
Nov. 29.	"	paid Flinn & Breneman, on account	300 00
Dec. 4.	"	paid Seminary Electric Light Bill for November, 1899	2 96
			$5,825 91

1899.			
Dec. 4.	"	By amount brought over	$5,825 91
Dec. 4.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1900	175 00
Dec. 4.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1900	175 00
Dec. 4.	"	Prof. G. W. Richards, salary to Jan. 1, 1900	175 00
Dec. 9.	'	Prof. C. B. Davis, salary on account	50 00
Dec. 15.	"	Jas. Smithgall, Janitor, salary on account	75 00
Dec. 29.	"	Revenue and P. O. Stamps	5 00
1900.			
Jan. 2.	"	Seminary Elec. Light Bill for December, 1899	4 08
Jan. 2.	"	P. O. Box rent	1 00
Jan. 5.	"	Seminary ad. in Church Almanac	10 00

Jan. 16.	By	Amount	Seminary Water Bill, by meter, Jan. 1, 1900	$14 65
Jan. 22.		"	Flinn & Breneman, on account	200 00
Feb. 1.		"	W. Eston's Bill	4 50
Feb. 2.		"	Seminary Elec. Light Bill for January, 1900	3 52
Feb. 7.		"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary on account	200 00
Feb. 7.		"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary on account	200 00
Feb. 7.		"	Prof. G. W. Richards, salary on account	200 00
Feb. 23.		"	Stoner, Shriner & Co.'s Bill	7 24
Feb. 19.		"	Jno. B. Roth, Treas., salary to Jan. 1, 1900	125 00
Mch. 2.		"	Seminary Electric Light Bill for February, 1900	4 00
Mch. 2.		"	Stationery for Seminary	73
Mch. 8.		"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary, April 1, 1900	175 00
Mch. 8.		"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary, Apr. 1,1900	175 00
Mch. 8.		"	Prof.G.M.Richards, sal'y, Apr.1,1900	175 00
Mch. 17.		"	Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on acct	75 00
Mch. 23.		"	Stamps for catalogues, E.V.G.,D.D.,	18 00
Mch. 26.		"	Tax on Simmons' property	2 70
Mch. 26.		"	J. B. Roth, treas., on salary acct	30 00
Mch. 26.		"	County and School tax	8 27
Mch. 26.		"	Bill of expenses, Sem. Board	9 06
Mch. 30.		"	Prof. C. B. Davis, on acct	50 00
Apr. 2.		"	Proth'y's costs	10 15
Apr. 2.		"	B. B. Martin & Co., bill of coal	134 66
Apr. 3.		"	Sem. Elec. Light bill for Mch, 1900.	3 36
Apr. 3.		"	Postoffice box rent	1 00
Apr. 4.		"	Flinn & Breneman, in full, contract	40 00
Apr. 4.		"	Flinn & Breneman, in full to date	31 11
Apr. 7.		"	Prof. C. B. Davis, in full, Apr.1,1900	200 00
Apr. 7.		"	Prof. C. B. Davis, in full, Jul.1,1900	150 00
Apr. 9.		"	Jas. Smithgall, salary to Apr. 1, 1900	60 00
Apr. 14.		"	J. B. Roth, treas., sal'y to Apr.1,1900	95 00
Apr. 14.		"	Sem. water bill, meter, Apr. 1, 1900	7 40
Apr. 16.		"	Water Rent, Profs. & Janitor house	34 20
Apr. 16.		"	As per action of Sem. Board, October 4, 1894	375 00
Apr. 25.		"	Trees for Sem'y Campus	2 00
Apr. 28.		"	Int. paid Schaff's Prize Fund to May 8, 1900	94 20
Apr. 28.		"	Interest paid Sacred Rhetoric Fund to May 8, 1900	23 27
May 3.		"	Sem. Elec. Light bill for Apr., 1900	2 56
May 3.		"	B. B. Martin & Co. bill	4 60
May 5.		"	Prof. G. M. Richards, on acct	200 00
May 5.		"	Examiner Print. Co., Catalogues	66 75
May 5.		"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary acct	200 00
May 5.		"	F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary acct	200 00
May 19.		"	Herr & Snavely's bill	6 75
May 25.		"	Jas. Smithgall's bill	8 10
May 26.		"	W. A. Heinitsh's bill	1 25
June 2.		"	Jas. Smithgall, on salary	25 00
June 4.		"	Sem. Elec. Light bill for May, 1900	2 16
June 9.		"	E. V. Gerhart,D.D., salary,Jul.1,1900	175 00

June 9.	By Amount	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jul.1,1900	$175 00
June 9.	"	Prof. G. M. Richards,sal'y,Jul.1,1900	175 00
June 9.	"	J. B. Roth, treas., salary to Jul.1,1900	125 00
June 16.	"	Sem. adv. in "Oriflamme".....	10 00
June 27.	"	Jas. Smithgall's bill.....	3 00
June 27.	"	John Best's bill.....	5 67
June 30.	"	B. B. Martin's and Gessell's bill....	5 24
July 3.	"	Prof. C. B. Davis, salary, Oct.1,1900	150 00
July 3.	"	Sundry bills paid	2 30
July 19.	"	Sem. Water bill, meter, Jul. 1, 1900	6 55
July 23.	"	Jas. Smithgall, on acct. of salary..	75 00
July 24.	"	P. R. R. bill for freight on coal....	28 28
July 25.	"	P. R. R. bill for freight on coal....	33 89
July 25.	"	D. P. Bitner, hauling coal.....	13 80
July 28.	"	D. P. Bitner, hauling coal.....	7 65
July 28.	"	P. R. R. Co., freight on coal.....	34 22
Aug. 1.	"	Sundry bills.....	2 80
Aug. 1.	"	E. V. Gerhart,D.D.,salary,Oct.1,1900	375 00
Aug. 1.	"	F. A. Gast, D.D., salary,Oct.1,1900	375 00
Aug. 1.	"	Prof. G. M. Richards,sal'y,Oct.1,1900	375 00
Aug. 3.	"	H. Eyer Spyher Co., for coal.....	107 10
Aug. 17.	"	Lan. Home M. F. Ins. Co.....	9 08
Aug. 28.	"	Reily Bros.' and Raub's bill.....	2 57
Aug. 30.	"	Horse Lawn Mower repairs.....	6 50
Sept. 4.	"	Sem. Elec. Light bill for Aug., 1900	1 28
Sept. 5.	"	Int. on Smaltz Legacy to Oct. 1,1900	250 00
Sept. 5.	"	Int. on Clopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1900	40 00
Sept. 6.	"	Stamped check book for Sem. use..	6 00
Sept. 7.	"	Int. on Library Fund to Oct.1,1900	52 80
Sept. 7.	"	Int. on Jacob Forney Fund to Oct. 1, 1900.....	45 00
Sept. 7.	"	Int. on Henry Wirt Fund to October 1, 1900.....	45 00
Sept. 7.	"	Int. on L. E. Schriver Fund to October 1, 1900.....	45 00
Sept. 7.	"	W. U. Hensel, Prof. Services.....	50 00
Sept. 14.	"	J. B. Roth, treas., salary,Oct.1,1900	125 00
Sept. 14.	"	Geo. M. Hull's bill.....	1 18
			$13,092 09
Oct. 1.	Amount Dr. brought forward.....		7,368 59
1900.			
Oct. 1.	Amt. due Endt. Fund.....		$ 5,723 50
	Library Fund of Theological Seminary.....		$1,819 96
1895.		Dr.	
Oct. 1.	For Bal. due fund.....		$144 91
1900.			
Oct. 1.	For Int. paid to date.....		52 80
			$197 71
1899.		Cr.	
Oct. 24.	By bill paid Saml. Auxer.....	$ 6 80	
Nov. 27.	By bill paid New Talmud Pub. Co.....	2 50	
Dec. 28.	By bill paid Methodist Book Pub. Co..	1 50	
Dec. 28.	By bill paid F. H. Revel Co.....	1 79	
1900.			
Jan. 20.	By bill paid John Wanamaker.....	4 76	
Feb. 3.	By bill paid E. V. Gerhart. D.D., order	4 25	
Feb. 5.	By bill paid F. A. Gast. D.D.....	1 36	
Mch. 14.	By bill paid Prof. G. M. Richards.....	30 30	
Apr. 16.	By bill paid Prof. I. C. Bowman.....	6 00	
May 16.	By bill paid S. H. Zahm & Co.....	9 00	

June 14.	By bill paid John Wanamaker.....	$2 20		
June 15.	By bill paid Ins. on Library, 3 years....	20 00		
June 16.	By bill paid E. H. Griggs.....	1 60		
June 30.	By bill paid Lenox & Co.....	1 00		
July 12.	By bill paid Dr. F. A. Gast.....	1 50		
July 19.	By bill paid Scribner Sons.....	2 49		
Aug. 1.	By bill paid Thos. Whittaker.....	1 24		
Aug. 4.	By bill paid F. H. Revel Co.....	57		
Sept. 7.	By bill paid, order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.	81		99 67
Oct. 1.	Bal. due Library Fund.....			$98 04

SMALTZ FUND.

	Principal		$5,000 00
1900.	Dr.		
Oct. 1.	For interest on same to date.....	$250 00	
1900.	Cr.		
Sept. 5.	By interest paid John Hartzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board...	$250 00	

WM. A. WILT FUND.

	Principal		$833 33
	Interest on same to October 1, 1900, $41.66, is accounted for in Treasurer's current expense account.		

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1900. Oct. 1.	Amount of fund is.....			$2,000 75
1900.	Dr.			
May 8.	For amount due fund May 8, 1899..		$13 47	
May 8.	For amount interest due fund May 8, 1900		94 20	
			$107 67	
1900.	Cr.			
May 8.	By amount paid prize to V. W. Dippell as per award of Committee	$100 00		
	Sundry expenses	2 00	$102 00	
May 8.	Balance due fund.....			$5 67

SACRED RHETORIC PRIZE FUND.

1899. May 8.	The amount of fund is.....			$470 47
1900.	Dr.			
May 8.	For interest due fund.....		$23 27	
1900.	Cr.			
May 8.	By amount paid prize to S. Cramer per award of Committee	$20 00		
	Per sundry charges.....	50	20 50	
	Balance added to principal.....			2 77
	Amount of fund.....			$473 24

THE JOHN L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1900.				
May	8.	The amount of fund is.....		$15,680 00
Oct.	1.	All interest received on this fund to October 1, 1900, is charged in Treasurer's current expense account to that date.		
		Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.....		$1,000 00
1900.		Dr.		
		For Bal. due fund, Oct. 1, 1899.....		$145 22
Oct.	1.	For Int. due fund, Oct. 1, 1900.....		45 00
				$190 22
1900.		Cr.		
Jan.	25.	By cash paid Rev. J. C. Bowman.....	$40 00	
Apr.	27.	By cash paid Talmud Pub. Co.....	5 10	
May	23.	By cash paid Saml. Auxer, bill.....	33 75	
Sept.	6.	By cash paid Talmud Pub. Co.....	2 50	
Sept.	18.	By cash paid Saml. Auxer.....	2 93	84 28
		Bal. due Jacob Forney Fund.....		$105 94

HENRY WIRT SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

		The amount of fund is.....		$1,000 00
1900.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For amount due fund to date.....	$142 60	
1899.		Cr.		
Dec.	11.	By amount paid Rev. J. C. Bowman.	41 54	
1900.				
Oct.	1.	Balance due fund.....	$101 06	

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SHRIVER ALCOVE FUND.

1900.				
Oct.	1.	The amount of fund is.....		$1,000 00
1900.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For amount interest due fund to date.	$71 67	
1899.				
Dec.	9.	For check received of Louis E. Shriver	20 00	
		Amount due fund.....	$91 67	

SEMINARY CLASS 1894 ALCOVE FUND.

		For amount of notes in hand of Treasurer, dating July 1, 1894.....		$981 00
1900.		Cr.		
Oct.	1.	By amount of notes paid to date.....		428 00
				$553 00

Amount of unpaid notes in hands of Treasurer $553 and interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1900, is $25.14.

LECTURE FUND STATEMENT.

1900.		No endowment.	
Oct.	1.	Bal. in hands of Treasurer is.....	$38 56

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1899.			
Oct.	9.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	$272 23
Oct.	21.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	40 00

1900.			
Apr. 30.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer		$20
May 12.	For amount received of Philadelphia Classis, Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer		4
May 17.	For amount received of E. Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treasurer		3
May 25.	For amount received of Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer		8
June 9	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer		10
June 12.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer		41
Aug. 1.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer		41
Sept. 12.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer		20
Sept. 17.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer		16
Sept. 29.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer		7
			$2,05
1900.	Cr.		
Sept. 14.	By amount transferred to Cr, Seminary ground account	$300 00	
Sept. 14.	By amount interest paid Endowment Fund	388 73	
Sept. 29.	By amount balance transferred to current expense account	1368 58	
			$2.05

PITTSBURG PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

1899.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of fund reported	$29.87
Nov. 2.	Amount received of Rev. D. A. Souders	10
1900.		
May 22.	Amount received of the Sarah Musick Bequest.	50
		$30.47

1900.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	For Sundry interests received on fund to October 1, 1900	$2010 99
1900.	Cr.	
Oct. 1.	By sundry payments made Wm. Rupp, D. D., as per vouchers to October 1, 1900	$2010 99

ENDOWMENT FUND STATEMENT.

1899.		
Oct. 1.	For amount reported to Board	$95.95
1900.		
Sept. 21.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, from the Wilhelm estate, to June, 1900.	69
		$96.65
	Less for loss in sale of the Simmons property	2.00
		$94.652

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

1900.			
Oct.	1.	Endowment Fund	$94,652 81
		Library Fund	1,819 96
		Smaltz Fund	5,000 00
		W. A. Wilt Fund	833 33
		Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75
		Sacred Rhetoric Fund	473 24
		John L. Reigel Fund	15,680 00
		Jacob Forney Fund	1,000 00
		Henry Wirt Fund	1,000 00
		Louis E. Schriver Fund	1,000 00
		Seminary Class, '94, Fund	981 00
		Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	30,479 64
			$154,920 73

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1900.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts as presented correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,
JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Oct. 4, 1900.

(b)—Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1899-1900.

1. The work of the Seminary for the year began Sept. 14, 1899, and was continued without interruption, all the professors having been in attendance.

2. Thirteen students were admitted to the Junior Class. Of these one was advised by the Board to discontinue his studies. The others were advanced, after having sustained their examinations, to the Middle Year. They are: R. L. Bair, J. M. Bean, P. J. Dundore, E. N. Evans, J. E. Guy, W. G. Haupt, F. P. Miller, J. O. Oswald, E. T. Rhodes, J. H. Smith, J. Von Holt, H. P. Walter. Total 12.

3. The Middle Class consisted of students who were admitted into the Junior Class in September, 1898, but with some changes.

One, by reason of long-continued illness was advised to

resume his studies with the Junior Class; one discontinued his studies for the ministry; one failed to report either in person or by letter. A. F. Nace, a former student, and F. W. Kennedy were admitted. The latter accepted a professorship in Heidelberg University, and severed his connection with the class in April last. The members of this class, after having sustained their examinations were advanced to the Senior Class. Total 24.

4. The Senior Class consisted of the following members: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, V. W. Dippell, Ph.D., A. K. Faust, E. M. Hartman, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Of the above V. W. Dippell and E. M. Hartman were admitted at the beginning of the Academical year, and A. K. Faust has been appointed by the Church a missionary to Japan. These gentlemen sustained approved examinations and were granted the usual testimonials. C. T. Isenberger, a member of the M. E. Church, was dismissed during the year on his own request to Drew Theological Seminary. Total 12.

5. In addition to their studies the students have engaged in practical religious work, in the Sunday-school, pulpit and various forms of missionary activity. No case of serious discipline occurred during the year.

6. Arrangements were made with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to continue the course in elocution and oratory by the employment of Prof. Claude B. Davis, whose past instruction has been greatly appreciated by the students and commended by the faculty.

7. The Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., proposed to your reverend body one year ago, to pay over twelve hundred dollars of accrued interest on the Swander Fund, of which he is agent, said payment to be made so soon as the Pittsburgh Synod and the Seminary Faculty should have made arrangements for its use. The Pittsburgh Synod proposed that the money should be used for a temporary lectureship and requested the faculty to appoint Rev. J. I. Swander as the first lecturer on this foundation. The faculty, lacking the power to establish a lectureship without the joint action of the three Synods, or to appoint a lecturer on the foundation of the proposed lectureship without the authority of the Board of Visitors, referred the recom-

mendation of the Pittsburg Synod to the Board of Visitors. At the same time the faculty invited Dr. Swander to deliver a course of two or three lectures before the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary on such subject and at such time as might be agreed upon by himself and the faculty.

The following action of the Board of Visitors relative to the foregoing recommendation is respectfully referred to the consideration of the three Synods.

I. We recommend the establishment of such a temporary lectureship as is suggested by the Pittsburgh Synod; that the matter be referred to the three Synods for approval; and that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be chosen as the first lecturer.

II. In the event of approval by the Synods the faculty in conjunction with Dr. J. I. Swander shall arrange for the lectures, determining the subjects, the lectures and the compensation to be paid them.

8. The Board respectfully overtures the three Synods requesting that they provide the sum of six hundred dollars ($600.00) for the year 1900-1901 for a teacher of elocution to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod $300, Pittsburgh Synod $100, Synod of the Potomac $200.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER,

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 3, 1900. *Secretary.*

(c)—Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend the Eastern Synod:

The Board of Education of the Eastern Synod, at its annual meeting held May 8, 1900, organized by the election of the following officers:

President, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

Secretary, Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, Lancaster, Pa.

Treasurer, Mr. Jno. Hertzler, Lancaster, Pa.

The Classis of Wyoming, at its late annual meeting, took favorable action on the recommendation of the Synod, made at the annual meeting in 1897, and voted to become auxiliary to the Board of Education.

During the past year the Board aided out of its income six students for the ministry, the Classis of Lancaster aided three, the Classis of Lehigh two, and the Classis of Tohickon three, a total of fourteen. In the current year the Board is aid-

ing nine, the Classis of Lancaster two, the Classis of Lehigh one, the Classis of Tohickon three, and the Classis of Wyoming two students, a total of seventeen.

The Board cancelled the obligation of a former beneficiary, who died in the past year, his obligation amounting to $297.50.

Within the past year Prof. Edwin M. Hartman refunded $150; Prof. T. G. Helm, $150, and Mr. Wm. R. Weaver, $100 of the aid received by them while students; and Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., made a contribution of $30; a total of $430.

A final payment of 01.934 per cent. was made by the executrix of the estate of the late Rev. Charles G. Fisher, D.D., on the claim of the Board against said estate for money loaned. The estate has now paid about 36 per cent. of the claim of the Board, and this is all that will be realized out of the estate.

A copy of the Treasurer's Annual Report for the year beginning May 9, 1899, and ending May 7, 1900, is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. LICHLITER,

Secretary of the Board of Education.

RECEIPTS.

Balance		$900 48	
Interest and dividends on Investments		683 42	
Collections and Contributions		330 00	
Offerings of Churches:			
St. Luke's Church ,North Wales, Pa.	$32 00		
St. Paul's Church, Ft. Washington, Pa.	27 59		
Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	39 38	98 97	
.01.934% on claim against Fisher estate		100 76	
Received from Classes:			
Classis of Lancaster	$335 45		
Classis of Lehigh	428 57		
Classis of Tohickon	400 00	1,164 02	$3.277 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lancaster Trust Co., for revenue stamps		$ 1 00	
Wm. F. Lichliter, Salary and Postage		52 92	
Herbert C. Miller, Salary as acct		15 00	
Students aided by the Board	$650 00		
Students of Classis of Lancaster	255 00		
Students of Classis of Lehigh	220 00		
Students of Classis of Tohickon	400 00	1,525 00	
Balance in the treasury		1,683 73	3.277 65
May 7, 1900, To Balance		$1,683 73	
May 8, 1900, Refunded by Wm. R. Weaver		100 00	$1,783 73

Respectfully submitted, JNO. HERTZLER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the above account, find it correct, with a balance of $1,683.73.

HENRY M. KIEFFER,
JOHNATHAN E. HIESTRR.

LANCASTER, PA., May 8 ,1900
Attest: WM. F. LICHLITER, *Secretary.*
LANCASTER, PA., October 17, 1900.

(d)—Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

The President of Franklin and Marshall College begs leave to offer the following report:—

The following members of the graduating class at the late commencement received the degree of A. B.: William Vernon Betts, Blanchard Allen Black, Paul Samuel Bridenbaugh, Christian Eugene Charles, Frederick Andrew Cook, Calvin Martin DeLong, John Hassler Detrich, Frank Urich Fernsler, Charles Roy Fisher, William Garfield Fox, Cyrus Ward Fridy, Alfred Roswell Gilbert, Aaron Manns Gluck, Christian Hostetter Gochnauer, John Bassler Greybill, Daniel Gress, Charles Motter Guthrie, Charles Elvin Haupt, Jr., Benjamin Keener Hay, Eugene LeFevre Herr, Frank Newcomer Hoffmeier, Samuel Charles Hoover, Charles Owen Hunsicker, Abraham Behm Kauffman, Horace Clemens Kinzer, William Bisel Kohler, Charles Alpheus Lauffer, Donald Gauger Lerch, Henry Wilson Miller, Charles Lewis Noss, Harold Drummond Pyott, John Smith Rader, Marvin Warren Reed, Amos Bowman Schneder, Simon Sipple, Calvin Klopp Staudt, Worth Brown Stottlemeyer, Jackson Taylor. Mr. William A. Kepner, after two years of graduate study, received the degree of A. M. The following graduates received the degree of A. M. in course: D. T. Bauman, Esq., '82; Rev. Roderick P. Cobb, '82; Rev. Thos. Wilson Dickert, '94; Allen K. Faust, '97; Rev. Montgomery M. Fryer, '94; Rev. Hugh K. Fulton, '95; E. W. Kalbach, Esq., '95; Robert M. Kern, '97; Jos. J. Knappenberger, '97; John D. Meyer, '97; Rev. W. H. Millhouse, '96; Rev. Stewart U. Mitman, '85; John Morris Mowery, '95; Chas. P. Stahr, '97. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, of Lancaster, and Rev. Nathaniel Z. Snyder, of South Bethlehem.

The past year was one of more than ordinary trial and difficulty, although we are able to report that the college is in a prosperous condition and that no college interest has suffered

serious loss. The number of students enrolled at the be ning of the present year is unusually large, making a dec increase in the whole number of students. Sixty-six new dents were added to the college and about fifty to the Acad Of these fifty are Freshmen and Specials, twelve Sophom two Juniors and two Seniors. There are in attendance at time forty Seniors, thirty-four Juniors, forty-four Sophon and fifty Freshmen and Specials.

The work of instruction was carried forward steadi the different departments and the results were generally factory. The good order of the college was at times distu and in several cases there was danger of serious trouble the discipline of the institution was maintained, and it is fying to report a satisfactory adjustment of all difficultie a healthy *morale*, a spirit of loyalty, harmony and hopefu throughout the college. It was necessary, during the ye drop a number of students from the roll, sometimes for gence and inattention, and, in other cases, because of mi duct. It is the policy of the Faculty, while exercising due tion and patience, to see to it that the standard of excellen conduct and scholarship is maintained, and if, at any tin is found that students are not receiving any benefit from connection with the college and become a source of dang others, the Faculty does not hesitate to take the action req in the premises. In accordance with the action taken b Board of Trustees, the course of study has been revised to some extent, reconstructed, as will appear from the logue, which is herewith submitted. It is believed that the arrangement will prove advantageous, and that more sati tory results and better work will be secured. It is too however, to speak confidently of the effects of the change.

Two changes were made in the Faculty at the beginn the present year. Rev. Elmer E. Powell, Ph.D., of Cambr port, Mass., a graduate of Michigan State University, department of Theology, in Boston University, and of the versity of Bonn, in Germany, was called to the chair of M Languages, and Dr. John H. Outland, late of the Unive of Pennsylvania, was made Physical Instructor and Di of Gymnasium. These gentlemen have made a very fav impression and we look for highly satisfactory results their labors in their respective departments.

The financial condition of the college is better than at the close of last year. There is still an apparent deficit of about $750, but there have been extraordinary expenses in repairs made to the Library Building and at the Academy. On the other hand there have been credited to the income of the present year certain amounts which cannot be considered a part of the regular annual income. It is therefore, difficult to determine, with accuracy, the net results of the year's operations. It is safe to say, however, that the outlook is much more favorable than it was a year ago. As the rate of interest on our investments has diminished, and the expenses of the college are increasing, it is easy to see that a larger endowment of the college is of paramount importance. The college has recently been the recipient of three legacies. The Hon. Frank Geise, late Mayor of York, bequeathed his private library of miscellaneous books, worth about $2,000, to the college, and he also made the college the residuary legatee of his estate after other bequests are paid. Mr. Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburg, Pa., made a bequest to the college of $3,000, to become available after the death of Mrs. Lerch. Miss Catharine H. Long, recently deceased, made an unconditional bequest of $2,000 to the endowment fund of the college.

It is a matter of general congratulation that the New Science Building, so ardently desired and so much needed, is really under way. The present contract is only for the erection of the structure and the completion of the exterior, so far as is necessary, for the protection of the building, but it is to be hoped that there will be no suspension of operations until the building is finished and ready for use. The pledges and subscriptions received up to the present time amount to about $27,000, and the canvass is now in progress in three charges of the Eastern Synod. It is especially important that energetic efforts be made and prompt action taken in the three Synods, under whose control the college stands, so that the work may be carried forward to a speedy and successful completion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
President.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on F. and M. College and the Theological Seminary.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The following papers were submitted to your Committee:

1. Report of the President of F. and M. College.
2. Report of the Board of Education.
3. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
4. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
5. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.
6. Communication from Dr. Swander.
7. Communication from J. H. Mickley, Stated Clerk of Pittsburgh Synod.

(a) Franklin and Marshall College. We are glad to report that the College and Academy have a large accesssion of students, and that the morale of the students is of so high and loyal a character that but one serious case of discipline occurred during the year.

(b) That the changes made in enlarging the course of study by the authority of the Board of Trustees is meeting with great favor, and has every prospect of bringing about more satisfactory results and securing better work.

(c) The important additions to the faculty of two strong men of wide experience in their respective spheres, have given great satisfaction to the students and friends of the institution. These gentlemen have made a highly-favorable impression, and grand results are expected from their labors in their respective departments.

(d) Several bequests were given to the College during the past year, viz.: The Hon. Frank Geise, late mayor of York, bequeathed his private library to the College, valued at about $2,000, and has also constituted the College residuary legatee of his estate after certain other bequests have been paid.

Mr. Martin Lerch, of Freemansburg, made a bequest to the College of $3,000, to become available after Mrs. Lerch's death.

Miss Cath. Long made an unconditional bequest of $2,000.

(e) The Science Building is under way. It is hoped that it will be put under roof before inclement weather sets in. About

one half the cost of this building has been secured in cash and subscriptions, viz., $27,000. All can see that immediate and persistent efforts should be made to secure at least an equal amount, that the building may be completed and furnished in the near future.

College Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That the highly-prosperous condition of the institution, the large number of students, the morale and loyalty of the same, is a matter for which this Synod has great reason for joy and expressions of gratitude to Almighty God.

2. That this Synod calls upon the members of our Church to unite with us in devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for moving the hearts of the saints to remember her institutions in their last will and Testament.

3. That the Church be and hereby is called upon to rally with all its might and enthusiasm around these institutions by sending all the students within our bounds to her own schools, and by larger contributions to greatly increase their endowment and better equipment in the various departments.

4. That the several Classes under our jurisdiction be and hereby are strenuously urged to put forth earnest and persisting efforts to raise the required balance of $13,000 for the completion of the Science Building. That each Classis aim to raise no less than $1,500 before the next meeting of this body.

5. That the matter of larger endowment for which there is a most pressing need (for the lack of which the different departments of the College are hampered) be kept prominently before the Church; that especially persons of wealth be made acquainted with the needs of our Church-schools, and be thus challenged to devise liberal things for the welfare of the Church and for the honor and glory of our gracious Redeemer.

The Theological Seminary.

(a)—Report of Board of Visitors.

Two subjects in this highly-satisfactory report require action on the part of this Synod.

(a) The agreement with F. and M. College jointly to support a teacher of elocution and oratory, the Board requests that this be continued, and that Synod apportion among the Classes $300 for his support.

Resolved, That this request be granted and that the sum of $300 be referred to the Committee of Finance for apportionment on the Classes.

(b)—The Swander Lectureship.

Resolved 1. That it is the sense of this Synod that the recommendation of the Board of Visitors be confirmed that this temporary lectureship be granted.

2. That this Synod approves of the appointment of Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., to deliver the first course of lectures, and recommends that the subject and number of lectures, the compensation and time when they shall be delivered be determined by the faculty and Dr. Swander.

(c)—The Treasurer's Report of the Seminary.

From this report we learn that the Endowment Fund is entirely inadequate to support the institution. The debt has, through years, accumulated until it amounts to $5,723.50. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. The large deficiency is caused by the decline of the rates of interest and increased expenses incurred in running the new Seminary Building.

(d)—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved 1. That we comply with the request of the Board of Trustees and assume the sum of $900 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary.

2. That the $300 for the payment of the professor of elocution and the above-mentioned $900, be incorporated in one column, total, $1,200, by the Committee of Finance, bearing the name of Seminary Aid to be apportioned among the Classes.

The Board of Education.

This Report is highly satisfactory. The total receipts from all sources, $3,377.65; disbursements, total, $1,593.92; balance in treasury, $1,783.73.

Resolved That we recommend this society to the patronage of the Church.

(e)—Dr. Swander's Communication Referring to Additional Contributions for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund.

Resolved, That Synod gratefully acknowledges Dr. Swander's abiding interest in the Theological Seminary and cheer-

fully accepts his generous contribution and approves of his careful investment and management of the Memorial Fund, for which he is agent. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEINMETZ.

MILTON H. SANGREE. JNO. B. KIEFFER.

HENRY H. RANCK. JACOB H. STEIN.

The foregoing report was acted on item by item during the Monday morning session and was finally adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College.

In response to the 1st item in the Report of Minutes of Synod the following report was received and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on the Endowment of F. and M. College, Lancaster, Pa., offers the following statement:

From reports received in answer to a circular letter sent out by the Chairman from ten (10) of the Classes, it appears that in six (6) of them very little or nothing was done during the year in the interest of the Science Building. In one of the other Classis quite a number of the congregations were visited by the Field Secretary of the College and some contributions received; in another arrangements are being made for a canvass of three of its principal charges; in a third a committee has been appointed with instructions thoroughly to canvass the charges of Classis during the present classical year, and to do their work in co-operation with Synods' representative and the authorities of F. and M. College; while in Reading Classis the generous contribution of $3000.00 was secured by the Synods' representative, from Elder James T. Reber, and for which your committee records its grateful thanks.

Last year the committee reported having received the sum of $7500 in cash and subscription; and we now report that during this year the further sum of $4542.10, has been secured, making a total of $12042.10 received up to the present time.

The Central Section of the Science Building for which this Synod is to provide will cost $25,000. This leaves a balance of $13000 still to be raised, and which if possible ought to be in hands by June 1, 1901. This ought to be a comparatively easy task, when we remember that this Synod has a memebership of

more than 98000 communicants. What is needed is a hearty co-operation on the part of the Classical Committees and the pastors of the several charges, with Synod's committee and the college authorities.

Your Committee would be pleased to receive any instructions that the Synod may have to give, or suggestions it may wish to offer, to aid it in speedily accomplishing the end of its appointment.

The attention of Synod is called to the fact that because of the transfer of Rev. S. L. Whitmore from West Susquehanna to Schuylkill Classis, a vacancy exists in your Committee which ought to be filled

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, Chairman.

The vacancy occurring in the Permanent Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College by the removal of the members of West Susquehanna Classis beyond its bounds, was filled by the appointment of Rev. Thomas L. Bickel, of Bellefonte, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

1.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Concerning the work of the past year your Board of Missions presents the following items:

1. NEW FIELDS.—Pastors have been secured for new missions within your bounds as follows: Palatinate, Philadelphia ,Pa.; St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.; Packerton, Pa.; High Point and Lexington, N. C.; and St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md. These enrollments were all made by the General Board, notwithstanding the fact of a large debt; but they were made also in the good hope that the Church will see the necessity of this enlarged work in promising fields and will come to the help of these missions.

2. LOANS PLEDGED.—Your Board found it necessary to pledge more money than is now in the treasury for the building of churches in our missions; and we trust that special efforts may be made to secure Church-building Funds toward meeting

this large demand. Only as we help our missions to secure permanent homes can we expect them to prosper as they should.

3. CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS have been received as follows: The Blanche Harnish Fund, from the estate of Miss Blanche Harnish, of the Alexandria charge, Huntingdon county, Pa.; The Gettysburg Classis Fund, completed by said Classis; The William Calvin Blessing Fund, from Mrs. George P. Blessing, of Martinsburg, W. Va., in loving memory of her only son; and The Memorial Thank Offering Fund, from the Sunday-school of St. Paul's Church Reading, Pa.

4. THE CHURCH IN WASHINGTON, D. C.—We again bring to your attention the building of a memorial church in the national capital. This matter has in various way been brought to the attention of the Church during the last twelve-month, and efforts have been made to secure $30,000 for this purpose; but up to this time not quite $4,000 have been paid. This money is in charge of Rev. C. S. Slage, treasurer of Maryland Classis, subject to the order of the trustees of that body, and is on interest. We trust that the Synods may give to the work such impetus as will speed it to early completion.

5. A GRATEFUL OFFERING.—The mission in Stockton, Cal., being unable to maintain its existence, sold its church property by authority of the district court; and the trustees, in consideration of help, received from this Board many years ago, paid into our treasury the net proceeds, $1,362.10. For this gift the Board of course made grateful acknowledgment to the trustees and members. It is proper to add that this gift enabled the Board to restore to its original amount the Jacob Welker legacy of $4,200, $1,250 of which were lost by depreciation of value in the church property in Sioux City, Ia., lately sold to the General Board of Home Missions.

6. THE TREASURER'S REPORT.—The report of Elder John J. Nissley, treasurer of your Board, is herewith transmitted as part of this report; and we again call attention to its valuable details

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,
Superintendent of Missions.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I.—FOR HOME MISSIONS.

DR.

FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,634 54	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,521 46	
Tohickon Classis	961 41	
East Pennsylvania Classis	1,063 78	
Lebanon Classis	1,110 18	
Lancaster Classis	1,169 79	
Schuylkill Classis	1,067 44	
East Susquehanna Classis	958 38	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,224 58	
Lehigh Classis	1,557 38	
Wyoming Classis	601 03	
Reading Classis	1,845 86	$14,915 83

FROM SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis	$2,543 06	
Juniata Classis	1,375 00	
Zion's Classis	332 16	
Mercersburg Classis	870 82	
Gettysburg Classis	75 00	
Carlisle Classis	751 31	
North Carolina Classis	295 72	
Virginia Classis	350 00	$6,593 07

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Harvey E. Swartz, Reading, Pa	$5 00	
Rev. F. L. Kerr, Meadville, Pa	5 00	
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Pa	25 00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa	10 00	
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va	50 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn	10 00	
Mrs. C. A. Santee, Mercersburg, Pa	30 00	
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa	25 00	
A friend, Fayetteville, Pa	10 00	
A friend, Emmanuel's Cong., Hanover, Pa	1 00	
First Dept., Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa	1 32	
C. E. Society, Mont Alto Church, per Miss Weistling	3 00	
C. E. Society, Zion's Ch., Lehighton, Pa	5 00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa	4 10	
Interest on Jacob Wagner Legacy	100 00	
Missionary Society, Upton, Pa	5 00	
Reformed Church, Lovettsville, Va	10 50	
Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa	122 14	
Reformed Church, Riegelsville, Pa	210 84	
Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa	111 48	
Nevin Boyer Fund, Riegelsville, Pa	5 00	
From a Shut-in	2 00	
Reformed Sunday-school, Shepherdst'n, W. Va	6 00	
Mrs. C. K. Small	5 00	
Interest on Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
St. John's Cong., Middleburg charge	6 81	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	1,132 50	1,007 69
		$23,416 59

CR.

Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board		$23,416 59

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer Supt	$540 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis	183 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	1,177 87	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treas. Zion's Classis	46 82	
Second Church, Reading, Pa	25 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	125 00	
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va	100 00	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	44 34	$2,342 03

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Synod of the Potomac	$22 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis	24 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	75 60	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Classis	17 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	7 40	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treas. Zion's Classis	7 93	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	25 00	$178 93

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Synod of the Potomac	$ 25 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis	148 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	957 09	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	135 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	36 95	1,302 04
		$3,823 00

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treas. General Board		$3,823 00

2.—DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Synod of the Potomac, for Scranton Mission	$8 00	
W. M. Society, Philadelphia Classis, for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia ,Pa	10 00	
Reading Classis, for Olivet Church, Reading ,Pa	75 00	
Reading Classis, for Faith Church, Reading, Pa.	75 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Bethel charge	175 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Catawba charge	60 93	
North Carolina Classis, for Lenoir Mission	20 00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Reading Classis, for Mrs. Harsanyi	5 00	
Miss Ranck's S. S. Class, for Mrs. Harsanyi	3 00	$431 93

CR.

Paid as designated		$431 93

3.—CHURCH BUILDINGS.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

West Susquehanna Classis	$223 00	
Schuylkill Classis	21 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	150 00	
Reading Classis	350 00	
Lebanon Classis	120 85	
Lehigh Classis	165 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	112 50	
Tohickon Classis	290 12	
East Susquehanna Classis	99 12	
Lancaster Classis	261 70	$1,793 29

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

The Catharine Trone and Richard B. Schmidt Fund	$220 00	
The John H. and Anna M. Girvin Fund	461 50	
Money from Reformed Church, Stockton, Cal., used to complete the Girvin Fund	38 50	
The William Calvin Blessing Fund	500 00	
Balance on the Pontius Fund	500 00	$1,720 00

LOANS REPAID.

Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J	$200 00	
Heidelburg Church, Thomasville, N. C	63 00	
Messiah Church, Philadelphia, Pa	182 00	
Reformed Church, Timberville, Va	25 00	
Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on note	100 00	
Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on mortgage	800 00	
Faith Church, Salisbury, N. C	300 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn	200 00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa	250 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., on Sioux City Loan	1,000 00	
The Trustees of Ref'd Church, Stockton, Cal	1,362 10	$4,482 10

4.—LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899	$2,514 92	
Mrs. Malinda M. Acker, Uwchland, Pa	500 00	$3,014 92
		$11,010 31

DISBURSEMENTS

C. M. Boush, Treas., apportionment for Church-Building	$1,793 29	
To complete the Girvin Fund	38 50	
Balance of Stockton, Cal., money for general treasury, after restoring the Welker legacy, (see note appended)	73 60	
Loan to Burlington, N. C	500 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1900	$8,604 92	$11,010 31

5.—INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899	$994 64	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa	38 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	95 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J	40 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas. Church-building	281 62	
Estate of Miss Susan M. Pontius	450 00	
Grace Church, Altoona, Pa	25 00	
Grace Church, Washington, D .C., on loan	50 00	
Maryland Classis	145 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C	18 41	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn	36 00	
Reformed Church, Timberville, Va	9 37	
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa	60 00	
Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va	45 00	
Wyoming Classis, on Scranton bond	10 00	
Reformed Church, Parryville, Pa	50 00	
On the Acker Legacy	25 00	
Reformed Church, Lykens, Pa	10 00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel	90 00	
Tioga Church, Philadelphia, Pa	20 00	
Dividend on Spangler Legacy	37 50	
Balance of Stockton, Cal., money	73 60	$2,604 14

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Aaron Noll, Philadelphia, Pa.	$50 00	
Faith Mission, Salisbury, N. C.	200 00	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C.	10 00	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., loan	95 00	
Taxes on Astoria, Ore., property	16 35	
Traveling expenses of the Board, Stationary, and Postage	94 96	
Salary of the Secretary	75 00	
Salary of the Treasurer	75 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1900	1,987 83	$2,604 14

Respectfully submitted, JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept .17, 1900.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—During the year the Board received from the trustees of the Reformed church of Stockton, Cal., $1,362.10, the net proceeds of the sale of their church property. The treasurer was instructed to apply this money, as noted in his report, as follows: (1) $1,250 to restore the Jacob Welker legacy to its original sum, this amount having been lost by depreciation of value in the Sioux City, Ia., church property; (2) $38.50 to complete the Girvin Fund; (3) the balance, $73.60, to the general treasury. J. J. N.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 17, 1900.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above report and found it correct, as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
J. RAUCH STEIN.

II.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States for the Year ending March 31st, 1900.

DEAR BRETHREN: General Synod's Board of Home Missions hereby presents a brief statement for your careful consideration. This Board is an important factor in the life of the Church and promotes her unity.

OUR MISSIONS.—Some of our Missions have changed pastors since our last report, and the result has been an improved condition of the missions. There are a few vacancies, but they are soon to be filled. We have on the roll 98 Missions. They are in good condition. The appended statistical table will show the work, and to this we call your special attention.

SELF-SUPPORT.—It is our policy to secure self-support as soon as that can be done without injury to the Mission. Not all fields, however, can bear the same treatment. Patience and calm judgment are necessary in dealing with them. The spiritual life must not be dwarfed in the struggle to exist.

DAY OF PRAYER.—Wednesday of the week of prayer, 1901, is set apart as a day of prayer for God's blessing upon our Home Missionary work. We hope for its general observance.

TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE.—A series of thirteen tracts of our Home Missionary work are in process of publication, to be furnished to the Church for gratuitous distribution, beginning with September next. The cost of this literature is not taken from the general treasury, but has been kindly provided by several elders of the Church. We regret that "Reformed Church Tidings" ceased to be published with January, 1900.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.—Our list of Church-building Funds is steadily growing. Since last report the John H. and Anna M. Girvin Fund, by will of Elder James M. Girvin, of Baltimore, Md., amount $500; the Martha M. Simmons Fund, $500, from her sisters, of Frederick, Md., and the A. J. Brumbach Fund, from A. J. Brumbach, of Reading, Pa., amount, $500, have been created. A second Catechumen Fund and several individual and classical Funds have been begun. This help is invaluable. Encourage the creating of such funds.

NEW MISSIONS.—The following new Missions have been enrolled: Des Moines, Ia., Toledo, O., Baltimore, Md., and Punxsutawney, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Packerton and Pitcairn, Pa. Other promising points are pressing for enrollment. Our opportunities were never greater or more inviting. We indulge a justifiable pride in wishing to see our Church take advantage of these opportunities. If we fail to do this now, others will reap the fruit of our neglect.

DEBT.—Though we assumed additional work, we have received no increase of funds. During the quarter ending last December an unusually small amount reached our Treasury, and to pay what was then due we had to borrow $14,000; and at the April meeting we had to borrow $10,000 for the last quarter. It ought not to have been necessary to incur this debt, and we must not be expected to carry it.

THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES of the Board for the year past; that is, the cost of travel and entertainment of the Board for five meetings, the salary of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and a legal advisor, part of the traveling expenses of the Superintendents, also postage, expressage and printing (which includes letter heads, circular letters and envelopes for the Easter offerings)—these expenses for the year amount to $2,636.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS.—Since our last report nine Mission Churches have been completed and are now occupied. Others are in process of erection. Building lots have been bought at Des Moines, Ia., and Vandergrift, Pa., for which we have borrowed the money.

A MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH is to be built at Washington, D. C., to cost not less than $30,000. The project has been approved by the Synods and commended to pastors and people. All money for this purpose is to be sent to Rev. C. S. Slagle, Westminster, Md., Treasurer of the Maryland Classis, who will receipt for the same and hold it subject to the order of the trustees of that Classis. Give all our people an opportunity to contribute to this cause.

FINANCES.—Careful estimates have been made as to the needs of our work. The amounts have been assumed by the Synods which your delegates helped to constitute. It is, therefore, your act. These amounts have been distributed among the Classes, and are now to be further distributed by you among the several pastoral charges. All these Classes should assume their full amounts and arrange to pay them into our Treasury as early as possible, that we may do aggressive work. Give the people facts and encourage them. They have never failed us. How can we better show our appreciation of God's special favors than by increased efforts and enlarged contributions to extend His kingdom?

WHAT OF THE FUTURE? We cannot sacrifice any of the work now in hand. Shall we enroll promising new fields that are knocking at our doors? We are willing that the people shall answer this question, if you will fairly present the matter and encourage them. Let us try to awaken individual responsibility. Service is harder than sentiment, but it pays better dividends. Dare we longer contribute the smallest amount for the greatest work? Is not "the penny collection" for Missions oftener an insult than an offering to the Lord?

Oh! that we could in some way reach the heart of the Church before these golden opportunities are past! How does the Master regard those who are indifferent to His cause? He may tell us sooner, perhaps, than we now expect.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Communicant Members.	Number of Congregations.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1900.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1900.
Ohio Synod.							
Ada, O.*	John W. Geier	125	2	400	40		
Akron, O.	James S. Freeman	188	1	1552	248	450	400
Alliance, O.	Harvey E. Kilmer	47	1	325	30	150	300
Athens, Mich.	Freeman Ware	42	2	402	61	400	175
Barberton, O.	Charles E. Ewing	74	1	775	270	325	275
Bethel, O.*	Francis M. Shults	150	4	600	150		
Canton, O.	Frederick Strassner, D. D.	65	1	1787	840	425	400
Cleveland, O.	Alexander Sutoros	225	4	1308		300	375
Cleveland, O.	Anton Korbel	56	1	163	49	50	600
Columbus, O.	Solomon W. Seeman	266	1	2575	100	875	150
Columbus, O.	Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.	70	1	1419	42	75	900
Colon, Mich.	Henry S. Nicholson	105	3	938	113	325	175
Detroit, Mich.	Charles W. Brugh	45	1	485	21	100	575
Hamilton, O.*	Vacant	137	1	700	75	600	
Lima, O.	Abram D. Wolfinger	50	1	425	53	135	675
Massillon, O.	Oliver P. Foust	121	1	696	108	300	400
Millersburg, Ind.	Vacant	80	1	50	40	450	100
Springfield, O.	Reuben F. Shultz	99	1	1779	76	300	700
Toledo, O.†	Edward D. Wettach, D. D.		1				1000
Warren, O.	John J. M. Gruber	112	1	525	350	200	450
Youngstown, O.	John M. Kendig, D. D.	94	2	918	107	375	775
Pittsburg Synod.							
Apollo, Pa.	John N. Naly	148	1	1040	115	450	225
Braddock, Pa.	Alpha K. Klein	101	1	790	135	375	425
Buffalo, N. Y.	John M. G. Darms	160	1	1225	71	200	175
Buffalo, N. Y.	Wm. J. Lienkaemper	45	1	34		300	300
Connellsville, Pa.	Andrew J. Heller, D. D.	31	1	3000	5		800
Cumberland, Md.	Urban C. E. Gutelius	108	3	975	86	250	500
Duquesne, Pa.	John K. Adams	26	2	51	7		700
Grove City, Pa.	Vacant	147	3	674	179	450	150
Johnstown, Pa.	J. Harvey Mickley	225	1	2145	326	650	350
New Kensington, Pa.	Daniel H. Leader	111	1	975	87	650	475
Pittsburg, Pa.	Paul Konyha	600	6	1575	185		425
Punxsutawney, Pa.	Lewis Reiter	42	1	238	22	300	200
Pitcairn, Pa.	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.	35	1	922	18	100	600
Scottdale, Pa.	Edwin D. Meixell	192	2	1040	350	625	125
Sharpsville, Pa.	Vacant.	192	2	460	107	425	150
Turtle Creek, Pa.	Tilghman R. Deitz	132	1	983	158	575	275
Vandergrift, Pa.	D. Snyder Stephan	36	1	96		150	525
Interior Synod.							
Abilene, Kans.	Charles D. Shaffer	86	1	683	97	400	300
Altamont, Ill.	L. C. Summer.	87	2	347	159	200	175
Anna, Ill.	Raymond R. Lackey	74	2	290	141	250	150
Boulder, Ia.	Peter Bock	48	2	285	54	275	100
Brandon, Ia.	Calvin Foster.	26	1	260	47	125	250
Cheney, Kans.	James R. Lewis	76	1	1160	95	425	100
Chicago, Ill.	Benjamin B. Royer	49	1	488	115	300	1200
Chicago, Ill.	Alexander Harsanyi	190	1	290	8	240	475
Chicago, Ill.	Charles V. Molnar	50	1	154		375	900
Denver, Colo.	Henry Tesnow	73	1	5941	47		850
Des Moines, Ia.†	E. E. Emhoff		1				1000
Edinburg, Ill.	George S. Gill	95	2	475	100	400	100
Emporia, Kans.	Lawrence S. Faust	30	1	240	48	100	475
Hiawatha, Kans.	Luther L. Hassenpflug	80	1	750	58	375	275

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Interior Synod.—Con.							
Holton, Kans	Wm. H. Sellheim	47	2			100	450
Iola, Kans	Dennis B. Shuey	78	2	325	135	240	375
Kansas City, Mo	Vacant	70	1	580	124	300	700
Leighton, Ia	George C. Baumgartel	81	2	760	80	350	125
Lincoln, Neb	Franklin H. Fisher	70	1	578	80	250	600
Lone Tree, Ia	John W. Love, D. D	84	1	432	78	425	375
Lyons, Kans	Amos Casselman	62	2	338	89	150	325
Maquoketa, Ia	D. Franklin Boomershine	86	3	1231	150	375	150
Sioux City, Ia	Thomas F. Stauffer	33	1	182	91	100	675
Shelby, Ill	John F. Bair	93	1	1452	93	275	150
St. Joseph, Mo	Amos O. Reiter	67	1	733	83	450	550
Tipton, Ia	J. Abner Hunsicker	61	1	489	67	400	75
Ursinus, Ia	Vacant	32	1	340	90	250	250
White Waters, Kans	William C. Baum	36	1	262	72	200	350
Wichita, Kans	Bruce Griffith	113	1	1041	154	425	375
Wilton Junction, Ia	**Solomon Ream**	**52**	**2**	**368**	**88**	**270**	**200**
St. Louis, Mo	**John C. Horning**	**14**	**1**	**174**	**6**		**1000**
Potomac Synod.							
Altoona, Pa	**Paul S. Leinbach**	**97**	**1**	**610**	**103**	**350**	**475**
Baltimore, Md	**Adam S. Weber**	**239**	**1**	**1700**	**164**	**660**	**440**
Baltimore, Md	**William I. Stewart**	**202**	**1**	**1800**	**185**	**730**	**270**
Baltimore, Md	**Frederick W Bald**	**146**	**1**	**970**	**64**	**150**	**850**
Baltimore, Md	**Charles W Leban**	**97**	**1**	**713**	**87**	**375**	**625**
Baltimore, Md.†	**James M. Mullan**						**1000**
Burlington, N. C	**James D. Andrew**	**107**	**3**	**285**	**62**	**150**	**250**
Duncannon, Pa.‡	**J. David Miller**	**224**	**2**	**503**	**767**	**525**	
Harrisonburg, Va	**Vacant**		**2**				**250**
Roanoke, Va	**Ellis S. Hay**	**36**	**1**	**296**	**37**	**100**	**900**
Salisbury, N. C	**Gerny Weber**	**19**	**1**	**115**	**8**		**750**
Thomasville, N. C	**Jacob N. Faust**	**150**	**3**	**293**	**30**	**105**	**375**
Washington, D. C	**John M. Schick, D.D**	**141**	**1**	**720**	**5**	**300**	**800**
Eastern Synod.							
Bridgeport, Conn	**Alexander Kalassay**	**200**	**1**	**1928**	**27**	**360**	**400**
Harrisburg, Pa	**Milton H. Sangree**	**108**	**1**	**796**	**797**	**400**	**500**
Harrisburg, Pa	**J. Rauch Stein**	**53**	**1**	**289**	**9**	**350**	**650**
Mt. Carmel, Pa	**Vacant**		**1**				**200**
New York, N. Y	Zoltan Kuthy	154	3	1947	7	300	500
Norristown, Pa.	Benoni Bates	128	1	1893	191	370	350
Packerton, Pa	Wilson S. Hartzell	60	1	97	2	200	300
Philadelphia, Pa.*	Vacant.	39	1	157	7	400	
Philadelphia, Pa	Aaron Noll.	100	1	2161	142	450	550
Philadelphia, Pa	Charles B. Alspach	242	1	2099	275	650	450
Philadelphia, Pa	Vacant	117	1	1708	90	500	500
Philadelphia, Pa	Elwood W. Middleton.	127	1	2137	117	325	575
Philadelphia, Pa	Harry E. Jones.	55	1	909	1	400	600
Reading, Pa	John P. Stein, D. D	270	1	1357	87	750	150
Royersford, Pa	Edwin W Lentz	131	1	680	160	550	50
Scranton, Pa	Martin L. Firor	92	1	650	62	250	900
South Norwalk, Conn	Sabrie Dokus	102	1	340		120	460
Steelton, Pa	Albert F Driesbach Ph.D	135	1	730	104	450	350
Tower City, Pa	Lewis D. Steckel.	160	3	1060	27	325	150
Trenton, N. J	Stephen Virag	100	7	879		300	400

*Referred to Classis. †Enrolled but not organized. ‡Self supporting.

NOTE.—The following additional salaries are paid: Superintendent D. S. Fouse, D.D., $1300; Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, $1300; Superintendent A. S. Dechant, $1200; Harbor Missionary, Paul Sommerlatte, $1000; Sunday-school Missionary (office vacant), $1000 (half paid by the Sunday-school Board); Financial Secretary, C. E. Creitz, $1200; and Hungarian Traveling Missionary, Francis Csanfordi, $600.

Communication from President of General Synods Board of Home Missions.

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In compliance with the instructions of the General Board of Home Missions, I herewith forward for your use copies of our report with statistical table ending March 31st, 1900.

There is nothing new since that date, that would materially change the report.

During the past year the meetings of the Board and Executive Committee have been held at the appointed times; the members have been prompt and regular in attendance; the meetings have been characterized by a spirit of harmony and unanimity; the wisest counsel has been sought and the best judgment exercised in the disposal of the interests committed to our care. The Board had sought to execute its trust according to the knowledge at its command, diligently, faithfully and justly for the best interests of the church and the glory of God.

The year has been characterized by a good measure of success. Our missionaries have been loyal and faithful. None have been called from their labors by death.

All appropriations due them have been paid as they fell due, but to do this we have been compelled to borrow large sums of money. This would not be necessary, if the amounts assumed had been promptly paid and to continue to pay so much for interest, will prove ruinous to the cause of missions.

Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, Financial Secretary of the Board, resigned the position with the end of his year, Aug. 31. The Board hopes soon to secure a suitable successor.

The series of the 20th Century Tracts, 13 in number, with an issue of 50,000 copies of each has been printed, and is now being sent out for distribution, in accordance with a plan agreed upon. If these tracts are properly distributed and our people are encouraged to read them, we may hope for good results.

The cost ($600) has not been taken out of the general treasury, but has been paid by five generous elders of our Church.

In conclusion let me emphasize a few things in the accompanying report deserving special attention.

1. To make suitable provision for the observance of the Day of Prayer during the week of prayer in 1901.

2. To take such action as will give all our people who have not already done so, an opportunity to make a contribution to the *Memorial Reformed Church of Washington, D. C.,* during the current year.

3. To carefully and prayerfully consider the finances of the Board and to take such action as may seem best to awaken pastors and people to our present opportunities and the duty that devolves upon us. If we can secure the full amounts assumed by the several Synods we can pay our debt and do aggressive work. Surely, it would be neither difficult nor burdensome to do this.

We have a distinctly marked and promising field for missionary effort and we dare not be recreant to so sacred a trust. We therefore hopefully and expectantly commend the cause to you and pray God's blessing upon you in your present sessions.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

Pres. Gen'l Board of Home Missions.

October 3, 1900.

IV.—Report of the Secretary of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—During the last year the steady progress of our Missionary work in Japan has been more or less interrupted by complications arising from the retirement, absence and failure of the health of several of our Missionaries. The retirement of Mrs. Gill (nee Hollowell), the complete break-down of Miss Rohrbaugh's health, necessitating her return to this country, and the but partial convalescence of Miss Zurfluh from a severe attack of typhoid fever, for a time seriously threatening the efficiency of the Girls School. The withdrawal of Rev. W. E. Hoy to go to China, the continued disability of Rev. Dr. Moore, who had come to America for recuperation, the occurrence of Rev. H. K. Miller's furlough, and the engagement of Rev. Snyder in the service of the Bible Societies, very seriously interrupted the onward flow of our work. But in the good Providence of God, with all these unfavorable incidents, our work suffered no

material injury. The annual reports, recently to hand, present as favorable an exhibit as we have had for the preceding year or two. Of course, our Missionaries at work were oppressed with unusual burdens.

The Girls School suffered little or no damage. The number of scholars was full, and with the temporary aid of other members of the Mission, accomplished a very successful year. Its enrollment during the year was sixty-three scholars; eleven were graduated, six were baptized during the year, one died, the second since the establishment of the school, and of the whole number thirty-six were Christians. The majority of the non-Christians were new scholars.

The whole number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin for the year was 168, average attendance 121. These are largely in the lower classes. In consequence of the disabilities imposed by the Educational Department of the Government upon the students of Mission Schools, in the way of liability to military duty, and unfavorable discrimination in appointments under the Government, as the students advance, many withdraw and enter the Government schools. This very unfavorably effects the number entering the Theological Department, and cuts the number of native evangelists short. There is a deficiency at the present time. The outlook, however, is that the Government will abate its restrictions and again open the way for a more successful prosecution of our school work. Five students were baptized during the year, and most of the non-Christians are more or less earnest inquirers.

Notwithstanding the hindrances encountered, the evangelistic work has been encouragingly prosperous. With a shortage in native workers, and increased labor devolving upon the Missionaries, the gathering in of souls slightly exceeded that of the year preceding. The number of baptisms was 210 and the number of Church members has nearly regained the figures reduced a few years ago by the great shrinkage, so that the number now reported closely approximates 2,000.

During the year, in accordance with the instructions of General Synod, and to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. Gill, five new Missionaries were sent out, Revs. W. E. Lampe, A. K. Faust, both married, and Misses Sadie Lea Weidner and Lucy M. Powell, to Japan, and Rev. Frederick Cromer, to the China field.

The Board took steps to plant the new Mission in China as directed by General Synod. Rev. W. E. Hoy proceeded to China in advance of Rev. F. Cromer, whom later he met at Shanghai. Together they proceeded to Hankow, some 600 miles up the Yangtsze River, and betook themselves to the study of the language. Together they made an excursion into the neighboring province of Hunan, where it is proposed to plant the new Mission, and selected the city of Yo-chou as the location, which is about 150 miles up the river from Hankow. In the early summer they returned to Japan, provided with facilities for continuing the study of the Chinese language, with the expectation of returning to China in September. Should, however, the present excited conditions in China continue to render it unsafe for them to do so, they expect to go to Nagasaka, at the southern extremity of Japan, and quite near China, and there await the time when it will be safe for them to proceed to their chosen field.

The Board would beg to add, in conclusion, that it will readily occur to your Reverend Body that the advance steps taken in our foreign work, in obedience to the instructions of General Synod, will require a material increase in its receipts. For this, that body, at its last meeting, made provision by increasing the amount of its apportionment. We would, therefore, most respectfully request your Reverend Body to note this fact, and to take such action as will secure to the Board the amount of contributions which will be necessary to enable it to accomplish the sacred work committed to its hands; at least, the full sum of the apportionment.

In behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 27, 1900.

V.—Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Missions was presented on Monday during the morning session. It was acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

The Report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

BRETHREN.—The documents placed in the hands of your Committee are

1. Annual Report of the Board of Missions.
2. Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.
3. Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions (General Synod.)
4. Communication from the President of said Board.
5. Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

Special attention is called by the above papers to certain particulars, of which mention is made in the resolutions accompanying this report.

From the reports of the boards of Home Missions we learn that three new missions have been established within the bound of this Synod; aid to the extreme limit of financial ability has been given for the erection of churches; five church building funds of $500 each have been received and a sixth fund of the same amount has been completed; the members of the extinct congregation of Stockton, Cal., have given the Board of Missions $1362.10, the proceeds of the sale of this church property, in grateful appreciation of the aid rendered to them in the past; and $14915.00 have been paid on the apportionment. The missions number ninety-eight; congregations 151; members 11356; and received aid to the amount of $43020.00. The missions contributed $85264.00 for congregational purposes, and to benevolence $10692.

Twenty missions are in this Synod, for which the Board expended $8035—or more than one-half the amount contributed by the Classes. At this rate very little can be done for the extension of our church beyond the bounds of the Synod.

The work of foreign missions has been somewhat hampered by a combination of circumstances which interfered with the labors of our missionaries for a season; nevertheless commendable progress has been made. We gratefully notice that our missionaries, Hoy and Cromer, by an early removal from China, escaped the violence and persecution which were visited upon missionaries of other Churches.

Both the Home and Foreign Boards of General Synod report themselves in debt. The cause is to be traced mainly to two deplorable conditions of our Church life. First, we do not

intelligently and prayerfully set apart a portoin of our possessions for the work of the Lord. Our benevolent activities are not in accord with our theology. Our gifts are given under pressure; or in response to special appeal; and out of proportion to our ability. This is a serious offence against the example and teaching of the Holy Apostles. We must awaken to the duty and privilege of consecrating ourselves in property and life on the altar of the Gospel to the most blessed service and praise of God! Those who have thus done find themselves always ready to meet the legitimate demands of the Church. Second, We treat with too little respect the appeals and resolutions of our Synods and Classes. These bodies must lead and guide in the work of the Church. The apportionments are not taxes, nor arbitrary assessments. In spite of any mistakes that may be made they are measured to the needs of the Church and fall below what we should cheerfully do for her growth and progress. We have made a solemn vow that we will at all times submit ourselves to the order and discipline of the Church and confirm them by our obedience, as is meet for a follower of Jesus Christ. It is no light thing to leave our people in darkness as to the obligation resting upon them, or to withold our hands from the support of the Church in the work which she has undertaken. We may excuse ourselves today, but what excuse can we find when we behold Him as it were a Lamb that was slain. Brethren, let us join hearts and hands and prayers for a united, earnest effort to make our Synod an example and encouragement for the whole church in the way of meeting our full apportionments. "He that careth not for his own is worse than an infidel; he hath denied the faith."

We recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we gratefully appreciate the Christian liberality which has been shown in the erection of five church-building funds, and commend to the Church the example of the donors.

Resolved, That we urge our pastors and consistories to study and distribute the twentieth century tracts, and we record our thanks for the generosity which has provided for their publication.

Resolved That we commend to our consistories the observance of Wednesday in the Week of Prayer, 1901, as a day

of prayer for God's blessing upon our Home and Foreign Mission work.

In relation to the Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., the following action is recommended:

1. *Resolved,* That the Eastern Synod has learned with great pleasure and satisfaction of the favorable action of the Classes of the Synod in relation to the erection of a Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., and that our pastors and people are recognizing the necessity and importance of not only providing a suitable church-building for Grace Church, but of giving to this Church thorough equipment and very liberal support, until it has reached the period of self-support.

2. *Resolved,* That Synod most earnestly recommends that the offerings of our congregations that have not yet contributed for the erection of this Memorial Church at Washington, be gathered in the latter part of November, 1900, or as early thereafter as practicable; and that pastors are urged to give every member of our congregations and Sunday-Schools the opportunity to give for this object, and to ask the most liberal offering each one can give.

3. *Resolved,* That Washington being the nation's capital, the centre of national and political life for our country, and rapidly becoming the centre of culture in education, art and science, and one of the most beautiful and attractive cities of the world, in which many of the sons and daughters of the Reformed Church, in an increasing degree as the years come and go, will find their home, it should be a matter of joyous pride, in love of their Church, its dignity, mission and prosperity, that our members, old and young, should give liberally for the erection of this Memorial Church.

Resolved, That pastors are advised to avail themselves of all means they can obtain to make known to the members of our Churches and Sunday-Schools, the importance, necessity, and needs of the Church at Washington and as one means to this end to read this action of the Eastern Synod from the pulpit and in their Sunday-Schools.

5. *Resolved,* That we deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends, the churches and congregations that have suffered by reason of the Satanic persecution of Christians in China, while we bow in humble gratitude before God for the safety of your own beloved missionaries. We urge upon our Churches

that they come promptly to the relief of the Board that it may prosecute its work in Japan and China with renewed vigor.

6. *Resolved,* That the amounts sent down by the General Synod to be apportioned for Home and Foreign Missions, be and hereby are accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment on the Classes.

ELLIS N. KREMER, C. B. WEAVER,
WM. F. LICHLITER, A. OSWALD,
A. B. DUNDOR.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was received and the vacancy occurring in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations; also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was carefully considered, disposed of item by item and finally adopted:

The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Trustees of Synod desire to call the attention of this body to several facts.

I. In relation to the Allentown College for Women.

(*a*) That one mortgage bond of $4,000 has been bought with money collected for the purpose and has been transferred to your Treasurer, who holds the same in trust for Synod.

(*b*) Also that $1,000 has been paid on account on a second bond for which your Treasurer holds a receipt.

(*c*) The Board of Trustees recommend to Synod, that whenever the Treasurer has $1,000 in hand for the purpose he be instructed to pay the same on account, and take a receipt until he can pay an entire bond and have it then transferred to the Synod.

(*d*) According to an action of Synod passed at Bethlehem in 1896—page 109, Res. 2—Synod will have to provide for the interest of the balance of the mortgage remaining unpaid Nov. 1, 1900. This balance will be $14,000 at 5½ per cent.

II. J. J. Bishop repaid a loan of $5,000 (part of the Kief-

fer legacy), which the Treasurer, according to the instructions of the Board, has re-invested at 5 per cent.—$3,000 on a farm of Abraham Fackler and $2,000 on a farm of John H. Goss.

III. Treasurer Nissley advanced for repairs on Dr. Gerhart's house, as instructed by Synod from the contingent fund, $507.28. See minutes of Synod for 1899, page 49. Res. 3.

IV. The Board is constituted as follows:

Rev. S. A. Leinbach, term expires Jan. 1, 1905.
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, term expires Jan. 1, 1904.
Elder J. J. Nissley, term expires Jan. 1, 1903.
Daniel Schaffner, term expires Jan. 1, 1902.
Lewis Kraemer, term expires Jan. 1, 1901.

Consequently there will be a vacancy in the Board by the 1st of Jan. next. To fill this vacancy the Board would recommend the following persons suitable for the position, one to be elected: Elder Wellington M. Leinbach and Elder A. B. Dundore, both of Reading, Pa.

V. The Treasurer presented his report, which was carefully examined, and found correct.

He reports a balance in contingent fund of $507.28; Allentown College for Women, $1,097.43.

Under the careful and judicious management of Treasurer Nissley the funds of the Synod are safely invested.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEINMETZ,
President of the Board.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH, READING PA., OCT. 15, 1900.

Treasurer of Synod's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.

DR.

Reading Classis	$224 00	
Wyoming Classis	72 29	
Goshenhoppen Classis	22 20	
East Susquehanna Classis	17 31	
Lebanon Classis	35 94	
Lehigh Classis	176 19	
Schuylkill Classis	35 69	
Lancaster Classis	172 00	
Tohickon Classis	227 00	$982 62

CR.

Paid Wm. C. Barnhart, Treasurer	$982 62

CONTINGENT FUND EASTERN SYNOD.

Dr.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 18, 1899		$1,180
Schuylkill Classis	37 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	48 10	
Wyoming Classis	28 95	
East Susquehanna Classis	38 57	
Lebanon Classis	77 85	
Lehigh Classis	92 00	
Fast Pennsylvania Classis	60 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	37 00	
Lancaster Classis	39 00	
Tohickon Classis	53 00	
Reading Classis	53 00	564
		$1,744

Cr.

Paid traveling expenses Rev. T. O. Stem	$3 25	
Paid traveling expenses, Daniel Schaffner	2 40	
Paid traveling expenses, J. J. Nissley	7 98	
Paid First Reformed Church, Lancaster, for use of Church, meeting of Synod	20 00	
Paid J. E. Hess, expenses as member of the Board of Trustees, Seminary	8 72	
Paid J. H. Stein, expenses as member of the Board of Trustees, Seminary	5 00	
Paid Dr. T. C. Porter, expenses as member of the Board of Visitors, Seminary	6 00	
Paid Dr. H. M. Keiffer, expenses as member of the Board of Visitors, Seminary	4 25	
Paid Dr. S. G. Wagner, expenses as member of the Board of Visitors, Seminary	2 35	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	175 00	
Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, expenses expediting Minutes of Synod, and general expenses	29 72	
Paid Reformed Church Publication Board, printing Minutes of Synod	254 87	
Paid same for printing and distributing Inaugural Services and address of Professor Richards	61 31	
Paid repairs to Dr. E. V. Gerhart's hoouse, as per action of Synod	507 28	
Paid U. S. Revenue Stamps	1 05	
Balance in treasury	655 49	$1,744

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,718 84	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,521 46	
Tohickon Classis	961 41	
East Pennsylvania Classis	1,213 78	
Lebanon Classis	1,283 72	
Lancaster Classis	1,169 79	
Schuylkill Classis	1,067 44	
East Susquehanna Classis	958 38	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,330 08	
Lehigh Classis	2,017 38	
Wyoming Classis	851 73	
Reading Classis	2,567 70	$16,661

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$16,661

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$264 00	
Schuylkill Classis	56 23	
Wyoming Classis	51 82	
East Pennsylvania Classis	199 29	
Philadelphia Classis	131 31	
Lebanon Classis	115 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	185 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	91 33	
Lancaster Classis	135 30	
Lehigh Classis	170 00	$1,399 28

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$1,399 28

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Dr.

Schuylkill Classis	$6 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	9 00	
Reading Classis	39 14	
Lebanon Classis	10 00	
Tohickon Classis	34 25	
East Susquehanna Classis	2 21	
Lehigh Classis	25 00	
Wyoming Classis	2 45	$128 05

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$128 05

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

Dr.

Reading Classis	$205 00	
Schuylkill Classis	11 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	77 46	
Philadelphia Classis	26 75	
Lebanon Classis	97 00	
Tohickon Classis	174 20	
East Susquehanna Classis	68 63	
Lancaster Classis	137 64	
Lehigh Classis	170 00	
Wyoming Classis	50 03	
West Susquehanna Classis	10 00	$1,027 71

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Missions	$1,027 71

CHURCH BUILDING.

Dr.

West Susquehanna Classis	$223 00	
Schuylkill Classis	21 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	150 00	
Reading Classis	350 00	
Lebanon Classis	156 00	
Lehigh Classis	165 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	147 50	
Tohickon Classis	290 12	
East Susquehanna Classis	99 12	
Lancaster Classis	261 70	$1,863 44

Cr.

Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions	$1,863 44

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

DR.

A. & L. Mountz, 12 mos. Int. Keiffer Legacy....	$225 00	
J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. Int. Keiffer Legacy.....	125 00	
John H. Goss, 6 mos. Int. Keiffer Legacy.....	50 00	
S. S. Shenk and sisters, 12 mos. Int. Cooke Legacy	60 00	
Henry Alleman, 12 mos. Int. Gerhart Fund.....	18 00	
J. J. Bishop, mortgage paid Keiffer Legacy.....	5,000 00	$5,478 00

CR.

Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer Foreign Missions Int. Gerhart Fund.....	$6 00	
Paid John Hertzler, Treasurer Board Education, Int. Gerhart Fund.....	6 00	
Paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer Missions, Int. Gerhart Fund	6 00	
Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, Int. Keiffer Legacy.....	400 00	
Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, Int. Cooke Legacy.....	60 00	
Paid John H. Goss, loan secured by mortgage, Keiffer Legacy	2,000 00	
Paid Abraham Fackler, loan secured by mortgage, Keiffer Legacy.....	3,000 00	$5,478 00

CURRENT EXPENSES THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DR.

Reading Classis	$99 00	
Schuylkill Classis	57 00	
Wyoming Classis	15 70	
Lehigh Classis	230 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	60 17	
Philadelphia Classis	49 40	
Lebanon Classis	63 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	91 50	
Tohickon Classis	84 66	
East Susquehanna Classis	37 22	
Lancaster Classis	70 25	
West Susquehanna Classis	148 00	$1,005 90

CR.

Paid John B. Roth, Treasurer.....	$1,005 90

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

DR.

Schuylkill Classis	$33 00	
Reading Classis	40 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	37 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	18 50	
Lancaster Classis	29 15	
Lebanon Classis	32 25	
Wyoming Classis	21 17	
Lehigh Classis	55 00	$266 07

CR.

Paid Rev. J. A. Foil, D.D., Treasurer.....	$266 07

ALLENTOWN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

DR.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 18, 1899.....	$4,005 44	
From Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	2,091 99	$6,097 43

CR.

April 25, 1900, Paid estate of Robt. Wright for one first mortgage bond on College property as per action of Synod.....	$4,000 00	
Paid same on account of second bond.....	1,000 00	
Balance in treasury, Oct. 15, 1900.....	1,097 43	$6,097 43

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY.
Treasurer Eastern Synod.

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Oct. 15, 1900.

We, the undersigned auditors, have examined the report of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States, and have found the same correct.

S. A. LEINBACH,
DANIEL SHAFFNER.

ARREARAGES.

	Harbor Mission.	Synodical Contingent.	Home Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.	Church Building Purposes.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	General Synod Contingent.
East Pennsylvania	$ 41 00	.....	$ 1606 25	$ 152 19	$ 175 93	$ 342 94	$107 83	$104 11	$ 262 00
Lebanon	45 00	$ 68 00	1893 38	280 98	188 48	396 54	126 00	105 83	295 00
Philadelphia	36 00	93 36	324 60	123 38	156 86	355 38	71 60	88 84	218 80
Lancaster	33 00	23 67	681 83	95 48	28 74	60 32	38 75	51 35	20 28
E. Susquehanna..	28 79	27 15	809 06	128 96	90 18	208 26	66 78	76 85	166 43
W. Susquehanna..	31 00	.....	397 34	215 30	145 22	77 42	.....	75 10	160 00
Tohickon	8 75	.....	1490 16	305 56	46 09	136 24	61 34	106 59	25 38
Goshenhoppen	36 00	51 37	475 06	63 84	179 40	197 22	26 50	49 80	185 00
Lehigh	50 00	.....	2294 43	367 41	217 44	584 88	29 00	132 47	265 00
Schuylkill	25 00	.....	630 65	155 42	141 58	274 32	43 00	40 83	140 30
Wyoming	28 55	8 05	873 27	163 18	104 97	300 00	86 30	53 83	87 71
Reading	3 86	.....	.....	37 65	12 47	70 90	45 00	75 23	.....
	$366 95	$271 60	$11476 03	$2089 35	$1487 36	$3904 42	$702 10	$960 89	$1825 90

Note.—Reading Classis paid $147.52 more for Home Missions than the apportionment.

A Report of the Committee on Raising Money Toward the Purchase of Allentown College for Women.

In response to the 7th item in the Report of Minutes of Synod, the following Report was read on Thursday afternoon and adopted:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN.—As Chairman of the Committee on raising money toward the purchase of Allentown College for Women by Eastern Synod, we beg leave to make the following report:

The work of raising money has gone along slowly but surely during the past year. The Committee was cordially received by the people of every charge in which it was permitted to can-

vass. Up to this date $6,220.43 have been secured in cash and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. The Treasurer will doubtless report what was done with $5,000 of the amount named.

Your Committee would respectfully ask Synod to instruct the Treasurer to pay the $1,220.43 in hand on the second first-class bond as soon as possible with a view to decrease the balance yet to be paid by Synod, and thus stop the accumulation of interest on that part of the bond covered by the amount of cash now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Your Committee would also ask Synod to instruct the Treasurer to pay, in installments of $1,000, on bonds as soon as such an amount is received by him. It is understood, of course, that these payments are to be paid on conditions named in the agreement of 1896.

We would also call attention of Synod to the fact that according to its agreement, made in 1896, at Bethlehem, it will be required to pay, from November 1st, 1900, the interest on $13,779.57, the balance of the $20,000, still remaining unpaid, and respectfully ask Synod to provide in some way for the regular and prompt quarterly payment of this interest as it becomes due.

Your Committee would also request Synod to appoint Rev. F. Wilson Brown, of West Susquehanna Classis, a member of this Committee, in place of Rev. S. L. Whitmore, who removed from within the bounds of said Classis.

With many thanks to the pastors and people who so kindly aided the Committee, in its arduous work, and with the hope that Synod will urge the Classes and congregations to complete the project undertaken by Synod as speedily as possible, we respectfully submit this, our fourth annual report.

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, *Chairman.*

The following is the Committee of Synod as reconstructed for the purchase of the Allentown College for Women, namely: Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, Chairman; Lebanon Classis, Rev. I. C. Fisher; Philadelphia Classis, Rev. D. U. Wolff; Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D.D.; East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Robert O. Boyle; West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. F. W. Brown; Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. J. E. Freeman; Tohickon Classis, Rev. C. B. Weaver; Lehigh Classis, Rev. D. E.

Schoedler; Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Elmer E. Noll; Reading Classis, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D.; Wyoming Classis, Rev. S. E. Stofflet.

Report on the Purchase of Allentown College for Women.

The item in the Report of Board of Trustees of Synod having reference to the purchase of Allentown College for Women, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. S. L. Whitmore, Jno. F. DeLong and Elder C. C. Leader, who presented the following Report which was disposed of item by item and finally adopted. The Report is as follows, to-wit:

Your Committee to whom were referred the several items relating to Allentown College, begs leave to offer the following report:

From the reports of the Treasurer of the College, the President of the institution and the Treasurer of Synod, we are pleased to note the continued prosperity of the school. The income from the patronage of friends and patrons has enabled the Board to more than meet current expenses and add some important improvements to the property and equipment. We rejoice in these evidences of prosperity as showing the appreciation on the part of the Church and the public of the cause of the education of women. That there is room and a demand for such schools, conducted by the Church, is not only shown by the effective work of this and other schools in our own Church, but also by the success which similar efforts have secured in other churches of the land. There is no question as to the fact that the Church feels called upon to prosecute the work in this department. The chief difficulty seems to be to secure sufficient funds to pay off the debt while adding the needed improvements and maintaining a thoroughly equipped and competent teaching force.

The one fact confronting the Synod at this time is that by the terms agreed upon by and between the Board of Trustees and the Synod at Bethlehem in 1896, definite action must be had at this meeting of Synod. It is stipulated in that action that after Nov. 1, 1900, the payment of the interest on whatever remains unpaid of the $20,000, shall be assumed by the Synod. By these terms the Synod becomes responsible for the principal and interest of the balance unpaid at this date, which is about $13,700. Since the Synod raised about $6,300 only, the Board

of Trustees, which was obligated for all interest up to this date, Nov. 1, 1900, was embarassed by the large interest charge annually. And this large item of interest not only consumed any surplus income of the college over current expenses, but also involved the Board in additional debt. And although the Board raised over $5,000 while the Synod was engaged in raising the $6,300 referred to, the Board increased its obligations by about $2,600 since 1896, when the action of Synod at Bethlehem was taken. This increase, as stated, was incurred by the interest charge. The Board seems to have acted in good faith with the Synod throughout. It has made a number of improvements upon the property and better equipment of the school, amounting to over $2,800, all of which is paid. This renders the property more valuable today than it was in 1896. Then the institution's income is above current expenses, barring the charge for interest, and the prestige gained from these four years of successful work makes the College more valuable as an educational plant than ever before.

In view of all the facts gathered and the interests involved, your Committee feels deeply concerned, and begs to submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved That Synod is pleased to learn that the past year has been a prosperous one for the College for Women at Allentown.

Resolved, That Synod approves the action of the Trustees of Synod in paying off the $5,000 on mortgage bonds and holding the same for Synod.

Resolved, That Synod approves the recommendation of its Trustees in reference to payments on bonds as soon as the sum of $1,000 may come into the Treasurer's hands for that purpose, taking a receipt therefor.

Resolved, That the time for the transfer of the College, free of all encumbrances, be and is hereby extended to June 1, 1903.

Resolved, That in order to carry out its side of the agreement at Bethlehem in providing for the balance unpaid at this date, Nov. 1, 1900, Synod hereby apportions the sum of $700 upon the several Classes, this amount being hereby referred to the Finance Committee for apportionment.

Resolved, That in case the Board of Trustees fail to transfer the College, free of all encumbrances by the first of June 1903, Synod will no longer consider itself bound by the Bethlehem agreement.

Resolved, That in case the Board transfer the property to Synod, free of all encumbrances on or before June 1, 1903, Synod will provide for the interest on any balance of the $20,000 that may then remain unpaid, outside of and apart from the proceeds of the College itself.

Resolved, That Synod hereby urges that a vigorous, aggressive effort be made to raise the balance of the purchase money during the first year of the new century, so that no later than the annual meeting of Synod in 1902 a Board of Trustees may be chosen by the Synod in order to prevent any serious break in the conduct or management of the work of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. WHITMORE,

J. F. DELONG, C. C. LEADER.

Report of Standing Committee on Finance.

The Report on Finance was received and acted on during morning session on Monday, and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

The Treasurer's Report, referred to your Committee, had been audited and found correct.

The following specified amounts were referred to us for apportionment among the several Classes:

Allentown College	$700
Contingent Fund, Eastern Synod	600
Contingent Fund, General Synod	277
Home Missions	27,850
Foreign Missions	17,150
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	3,450
German Missions	2,500
Church Building	4,870
Theological Seminary Aid	1,200
Catawba College	1,000
Harbor Missions	490

The amounts are apportioned as follows:

	Synodical Contingent	Harbor Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	German Missions.	Church Building Purposes.	Seminary Aid.	Catawba College.	General Synod Contingent.	Allentown College for	Arrearages. General Synod Contingent.	Arrearages. Synodical Contingent.
Apport'm'ts ..	$600	$490	$27850	$17150	$3450	$2500	$4867 86	$1200	$1000	$2575	$700	.....	.....
E. Penn'a. ...	60	51	3000	1849	370	249	524 00	120	108	.....	75	262 00	.....
Lebanon	70	53	3200	1977	396	291	559 00	140	115	.....	80	295 00	68 00
Philadelphia ..	46	38	2100	1296	261	191	368 00	92	75	.....	53	218 80	93 36
Lancaster	42	35	2050	1192	240	175	338 00	84	69	.....	45	20 28	23 67
E. Susq'hanna	38	33	1750	1083	218	157	308 00	76	63	.....	45	166 43	27 15
W. Susq'hanna	37	32	1700	1033	210	157	296 00	74	61	.....	43	160 00	.....
Tohickon	52	42	2350	1466	295	216	416 00	104	85	.....	59	25 38	.....
Goshenhoppen	45	37	2050	1277	257	187	362 00	90	74	.....	52	185 00	51 37
Lehigh	80	61	3700	2316	464	332	655 00	160	135	.....	94	265 00	.....
Schuylkill	37	32	1700	1033	210	157	296 00	74	61	.....	43	140 30	.....
Wyoming	37	32	1700	1033	210	157	296 00	74	61	.....	43	87 71	8 05
Reading	56	44	2550	1595	319	231	452 00	112	93	.....	64	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,

A. HOUTZ, C. C. LEADER,
THOS. W. DICKERT, FRANKLIN HARTMAN.

An order of $20 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. R. O. Boyle for the use of the church to hold sessions of Synod; one of $29.15 in favor of Rev. Thos. J .Hacker, Chairman of Synod's permanent Sunday-school Committee; and one of $7.35 in favor of Rev. T. O. Stem, Chairman on Committee of Endowment of F. & M. College.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the expenses incurred by persons or committees appointed by Synod in behalf of objects for which funds are received from the congregations within the bounds of Synod be referred for payment out of such funds.

During the Friday morning session, Dr. A. B. Dundor was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, for a term of five years.

Elder Jno. J. Nissley was re-elected as Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to several items contained in the Report under the head of Irregularities was confirmed.

Apportionments Assumed Only in Part.

In the consideration of the Report on Minutes of Classes under the head of "Subjects Referred," the sub-items a, c, d, e

were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. L. K. Evans, J. V. George and Elder J. L. J. Stoudt, who presented the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred several items from the Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes having reference to certain Classes that failed to accept or meet apportionments made by Synod, would respectfully report:

The items referred to your Committee are as follows:

Item 2-a. The Classis of Lebanon apportioned only one-half of the Synodical Apportionment, with the exception of the Contingent Fund.

Item 2-c. West Susquehanna does not see its way clear to pay arrearages; does not accept apportionments for German Missions and Catawba College, and fails to assume the whole of the apportionment by Synod for Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 2-d. The Classis of Goshenhoppen does not accept apportionment by Synod for German Missions (p. 18-19).

Item 2-e. Wyoming Classis declines to apportionment for Church Building purposes; accepts $1,000 of Synod's apportionment of $1725 for Home Missions; accepts $700 of Synod's apportionment of $1060 for Foreign Missions; accepts $108 of $215 for Hungarian Missions; accepts $78 of $155 for German Missions; and accepts $38 of $75 for Catawba College.

Your Committee after due investigation and deliberation, would suggest to Synod a reiteration of Synod's action taken at its annual session at Bethlehem, October, 1896, see Minutes, pp. 78-80) in a matter identical to that now before us, and which

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its deep regret that the above named Classes failed to meet the apportionments as made by Synod, and hereby respectfully and most earnestly requests the Classes to accept and raise the amounts apportioned by the present Synod.

Resolved, 2. That Synod hereby earnestly urges upon the attention of all the Classes within its bounds the great importance and urgency of the Master's work and the necessity of hearty co-operation with the several Boards of the Church, by prompt acceptance of the apportionments made by Synod.

Members of Committees Present at Ordinations and Installations, to be Reported.

Items 1, 3, and 4, in the Report on Minutes of Classes un-

der the head of Irregularities, was referred to a special committee who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Items 1, 3, and 4, from Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes were referred to the undersigned special committee, which reports the following:

It is not stated in the records from the three Classes in question, that the ordinations and installations were attended to by a majority of the Committees, although this might be implied in the fact that the Classes adopted the reports presented by their Committees.

We recommend that in the interest of law and order the attention of the Classes be directed to the importance of having reports by Committees state by whom the work was attended to.

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN,
W. W. DEATRICK, JAMES L. KIRKPATRICK.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL.

Items 1 and 2 under the head of Appeals in the Report on Minutes of Classes were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Jno. H. Sechler, W. W. Deatrick and Elder Jno. W. Appel, who presented the following Report, which was adopted:

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Committee appointed to consider and report upon the regularity of the complaint of Klopp's congregation against Lebanon Classis, and of the appeal of Rev. H. F. Hartzell through his counsel, Rev. L. D. Steckel, from the action of East Susquehanna Classis, begs leave to report that it finds the complaint and the appeal regular and in order.

We recommend that three o'clock this afternoon, or as soon thereafter as the Report on Allentown College for Women now before Synod is disposed of, be fixed upon as the time for hearing the complaint, to be followed immediately after disposition has been made of it, by the hearing of the appeal.

We recommend that the order in the case of each be as follows:

1. Reading of the papers in the case.
2. Twenty minutes to be allowed complainant in opening.
3. Thirty minutes to be allowed defendant.
4. Ten minutes to be allowed complainant in closing.
5. *Vote to be taken* immediately without further debate.

The case was heard on Friday at 3 p. m. Rev. L. D. Steckel plead in behalf of the complaint of Klopp's congregation, and Rev. J. L. Fluck defended the action of Lebanon Classis. After hearing the argument, the vote was taken on the question, Shall the complaint be sustained? which resulted in 32 yeas, 44 nays, 6 non-liquet, and 1 member was excused from voting. The vote is as follows:

Yeas—Revs. John F. Delong, T. O. Stem, J. M. S. Isenberg, L. D. Steckel, C. H. Mutschler, Wm. M. Haas, W. W. Clouser, Jos. E. Freeman, L. K. Evans, Thos. W. Dickert, W. W. Deatrick, C. H. Herbst, A. Houtz, J. W. Steinmetz, C. E. Schaeffer; Elders Samuel Hood, Jas. McIntyre, C. Eiseman, J. W. Appel, H. S. Hershey, J. R. Hilbush, C. C. Leader, C. B. Whitmer, E. Ressler, Frank Hartman, M. Neyer, N. U. Funck, A. Oswald, J. Sweisfort, F. Groeninger, G. W. Werner and Peter Burgey.

Nays—Revs. H. M. Kieffer, T. H. Krick, J. G. Rupp, W. H. Wotring, Jno. H. Zechler, R. C. Zartman, C. H. Coon, I. B. Henry, H. E. Jones, E. N. Kremer, M. H. Sangree, Jno. S. Stahr, A. F. Dreisbach, W. F. Lichliter, L. M. Fetterolf, W. H. Mader, B. F. Luckenbill, J. A. Mertz, Thos. J. Hacker, D. E. Schoedler, Thos. N. Reber, J. W. Knappenberger, J. D. Thomas, J. W. Reinecke, S. L. Whitmore, G. W. Gerhard, M. L. Herbein; Elders A. D. Simpson, F. G. Hobson, J. S. Sechler, W. W. Sweisfort, A. Schwenk, H. Spiess, E. H. Burkholder, J. H. Kurzenknabe, J. B. Kieffer, L. Leinbach, J. G. Moyer, A. Eschbach, C. Kichline, J. J. Reinhart, Chas. Shaffer, J. L. Kirkpatrick, A. B. Dundor, J. H. Stein.

Non Liquet.—Revs. H. T. Spangler, B. H. Roth, Jas. M. Runkle, C. E. Bartholomew, F. W. Vandersloot, J. B. Piper.

Rev. L. D. Steckel gave notice of an appeal from the decision of Synod to the General Synod.

The appeal of Rev. S. F. Hartzel, against the East Susquehanna Classis was heard. Rev. L. D. Steckel plead the case of the appellant and Rev. S. P. Brown defended the action of E. Susquehanna Classis.

After the hearing, the roll was called and the vote resulted in 13 yeas and 56 nays. The vote is as follows:

Yeas—H. T. Spangler, I. M. S. Isenberg, A. Gonser, Wm. A. Haas, J. M. Runkle, W. W. Clouser, Jos. E. Freeman, W. W. Deatrick; Elders Jas. McIntyre, J. R. Hilbish, E. Ressler, Joseph Neagley, Peter Burgey.

Nays—Revs. H. M. Kieffer, Thos. H. Krick, W. H. Wotring, H. H. Ranck, T. C. Leinbach, J. L. Fluck, J. H. Sechler, R. C. Zartman, C. H. Coon, H. E. Jones, J. S. Stahr, A. F. Dreisbach, W. F. Lichliter, L. K. Evans, C. B. Weaver, Wm. H. Mader, B. F. Luckenbill, T. J. Hacker, D. E. Schoedler; T. W. Dickert, J. W. Knappenberger, T. D. Thomas, C. H. Herbst, J. W. Reinecke, C. E. Bartholomew, S. L. Whitmore, G. W. Gerhard, J. W. Steinmetz, C. E. Schaeffer; Elders Sam. Hood, J. L. J. Stoudt, A. D. Simpson, F. G. Hobson, J. S. Sechler, W. W. Sweisfoot, Abe. Schwenck, E. Eiseman, J. H. Kurzenknabe, J. B. Kieffer, H. S. Hershey, Dr. Vandersloot, J. B. Piper, H. Bobb, W. G. Dunning, L. Leinbach, J. G. Moyer, H. Hartman, Moses Neyer, J. J. Reinhart, N. U. Funk, C. J. Shaffer, J. Sweisfort, J. L. Kirkpatrick, A. D. Dondor, J. H. Stein.

Rev. L. D. Steckel gave notice of his appeal from the decision of this Synod to General Synod.

The President of Synod appointed Rev. J. L. Fluck to defend the action of Synod before the General Synod, in the complaint of the Klopp's congregation, against the action of Lebanon Classis.

Rev. S. P. Brown was appointed to defend the action of Synod before the General Synod on the matter of appeal concerning the suspension of S. F. Hartzell, of East Susquehanna Classis, sustained by the Eastern Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following report was received and referred to the standing committee on Sunday-Schools, except the item referring to the vacancy occurring in the committee which was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

Report of Permanent Committee on Sunday-Schools.

To the Revcrend Eastern Synod:

Your committee held several meetings during the year, the first at Lancaster, Pa., on June 13, where the committee organized by electing Rev. T. J. Hacker, chairman and S. P. Heilman, M. D., secretary. At this meeting a pre-view of the work necessary in order to carry out the wishes of Synod was taken and it was deemed advisable to call together the Chairmen of the various Classical committees in consultation with Synods committee to outline and carry forward the Twentieth

Century Movement throughout the entire Synod. This latter meeting was held in the First Reformed Church, of Reading, Pa., on June 25, with an encouraging number in attendance. At this meeting it was decided to carry forward the Twentieth Century Movement along the lines of Convention work in each Classis in connection with similar work inaugurated by the Board of Home Missions. A circular letter defining the "Movement" and urging personal interest therein was adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to every pastor, Sunday-school officer and teacher within the bounds of Synod.

From the reports made to us within the last ten days from the Classical Committees we learn that the Twentieth Century Movement has been fairly inaugurated; conventions have been held or are being arranged for in very Classis. The reports show furthermore that wherever conventions were held and the Sunday-school cause as well as the cause of Home Missions presented the "Movement" as such has been highly appreciated. Some of the Classis, notably Tohicken and East Penna., have practically covered their territory with systematically arranged Convention work.

Of immediate results we may not now speak but we look forward confidently to the time when the "Movement" shall have challenged the attention of the entire Synod, then the hope to report not only an increase in attendance or mere statistical advance, but a deeper and more vital interest in and greater zeal for the Sunday-school cause. The Sunday-school statistics for the current year would indicate a falling off in membership but we are led to believe that this showing is due to defective statistics rather than to the fact itself. While the table would show a loss in membership yet on the other hand an increase of $2,000 in the benevolent offerings of the schools together with an increase of over $3,000 expended for the use of the schools themselves are sources of great encouragement.

For reasons unknown to us, pastors in general have not given that attention to Sunday-school statistics which the cause and the best interests of the work demand. We trust that Synod will take such action as to call the attention of the Classes to this matter with the kindly request that they make it imperative upon all pastors to furnish full and complete statistics of each and every school within their jurisdiction.

Your Committee would also strongly urge Synod to re-

quest the Classes to continue the work of the Twentieth Century Movement in co-operation with Synod's Permanent Committee for the coming year. We believe that by arousing attention to the opportunities and privileges of the present we may look forward to larger things in this department of activity in the future.

In making this report the committee wishes to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the General Synods Sunday-school Board, through its Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller. Furthermore, we would report that arrangements have been made for a meeting some time during the sessions of Synod in the interests of the Sunday-school cause and prominent speakers have been engaged to address the meeting.

The term of Rev. G. A. Schwedes as a member of this committee has expired and the attention of Synod is called to the fact. Respectfully Submitted,

T. J. HACKER, Chairman.

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

To the Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Committee on Sunday-Schools begs leave to submit the following report: There were placed into our hands the following communications: The Report of the General Synod's Sunday-School Board; the Report of Synod's Permanent Committee on Sunday-Schools; the Sunday-School Statistics of the several Classes; a bill of expense from the Permanent Sunday-school Committee, and a request from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union pertaining to the appointing of a Temperance Committee in each School.

From these various reports pertaining to the work of our Sunday-schools we are justified to infer that the work has never been in a more prosperous condition. Financially there was an increase in the cash receipts of this year over the previous year of an amount equal to $7,581.57. This fact is an evidence of careful and judicious management on the part of the Board, and of a liberal patronage on the part of our schools and congregations.

There was also a decided increase in the circulation of Reformed Lesson Helps and other Reformed Sunday-school Peri-

odicals. This we hail with gratitude, for the circulation of proper literature among the young as well as the old has come to be a recognized factor in the development of our church life and spirit.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction and joy that the Board announces the favorable reception which the Sunday-school Hymnal has received throughout the Church. Hundreds of schools are now using it and many others are making arrangements to introduce it. The 20th Century Movement which was inaugurated a year or more ago has had a wholesome effect upon our schools. It has not merely aroused pastors and people to work for increased membership, but it has also stirred them up to greater activity along every line of Church work. Praise must be given to the Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools for the effective work they accomplished. In every Classis conventions, educational and missionary, have been held. Many of our schools are seeking to enlist the entire membership of the Church by the introduction of the Home Department and the Cradle Roll.

It is however to be regretted that some of the Classes apparently are indifferent to Sunday-school statistics. It is important that reports as full and complete as possible be rendered.

In view of the foregoing we submit the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. *Resolved* That the Classes be instructed to request the different pastors to give most earnest heed to render as complete Sunday-school statistics as possible.

2. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-school Hymnal be most heartily commended through the Classes to the schools.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize the importance of proper Sunday-school literature and request the Classes to urge through pastors and consistories the use of Reformed Lesson Helps and periodicals in every school wherever it is practicable.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod places on record its appreciation of the usefulness of the Home Department and the Cradle Roll as legitimate factors in linking the Home and the School together as agencies of the Church for better religious instruction, and expresses the hope that the Classes will take such action as will lead all the schools to establish these agencies for better Bible study.

5. *Resolved,* That the 20th Century Movement be anew commended through the Classes to the congregations and schools, and that the Synod recognizing the great missionary activity of the Sunday-school Board, hereby calls upon pastors and people to remember the Sunday-school cause in their prayers and urges the Classes to request their schools to give an annual offering to the cause of Sunday-school missions.

6. *Resolved,* That the bill of expense of the Permanent Sunday-school Committee amounting to $29.15, be paid.

7. *Resolved,* That while we do most heartily commend the principles of Temperance to our schools we do not see our way clear to appoint a Temperance Committee and have a roll of honor in each school as required by the W. C. T. Union.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. E. SCHAEFFER,

B. F. LUCKENBILL, ALFRED ESCHBACH,
W. H. WOTRING, A. D. SIMPSON,

The foregoing report was received, acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard was elected a member of Synod's Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools.

Tabulated Statement of Sunday-schools of Eastern Synod for 1900.

CLASSES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	S. S. Bd.	Ch. Bds.	Benevolent Objects.	School.
E. Pennsylvania	1,429	10,660	12,089	107	433	438	4,246
E. Susquehanna	781	5,805	6,586	81	705	155	2,220
Goshenhoppen	754	4,790	5,544	63	548	73	2,777
Lancaster	1,011	6,638	7,649	111	768	897	2,624
Lebanon	1,155	7,111	8,266	107	482	1,355	3,389
Lehigh	736	7,919	8,655	122	1,054	1,048	3,185
Philadelphia	874	7,573	8,447	146	1,840	951	5,479
Reading	990	7,945	8,935	119	1,260	1,261	6,208
Schuylkill	673	4,978	5,686	33	277	438	2,070
Tohickon	484	3,359	3,843	18	147	571	1,729
W. Susquehanna	789	5,356	6,145	53	283	192	2,081
Wyoming	663	5,550	6,313	131	506	387	2,611
Grand Total	10,339	77,684	88,023	1,085	8,303	7,772	38,659

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by Stated Clerk in connection with item 9 of Report on Minutes of Synod which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had Thirty-six Hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fifty-Third Annual sessions of Synod printed, and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed according to the rules and regulations of Synod in the case.

The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board at a cost of $254.87.

Respectfully Submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Board of Publication.

To the Eastern, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your Reverend Bodies its Annual Report as follows:

At a meeting in the City of Lancaster, October 19th, 1899, Mr. Francis E. Heller, of Fort Washington, Pa., was elected Business Manager for the Board at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars per annum, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. C. R. Ferner. At this meeting the Board also, in compliance with the actions of the several Synods on the subject, by an action passed, relieved the Editor of the Messenger of all business care and responsibility, and entrusted everything belonging to the business department of the concern to the hands of the Manager. The Sunday-school Board through its representative, informed our Board that it had consented to this modification of the agreement entered into between the two Boards, May 11th, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board held at the publication rooms, Philadelphia, January 10th, 1900, our Board entered into an agreement with the representatives of the Sunday-school Board to carry on the book business jointly with said Board. The joint business was to begin April 1st, 1900, but by mutual consent of the Managers, the time for putting the arrangement in operation was afterwards deferred to July 1st, 1900. At a meeting of the Board held June 29th, 1900, after further investigation and canvass of the matter, the conclusion was reached that the arrangement agreed upon would not redound to the best interests of the Synods in publication matters and there-

fore the Board rescinded its action of the January meeting with reference to the joint conduct of the book business. And for the purpose of avoiding in the future all friction and misunderstandings between the representatives of the two Boards, our Board passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Board that the business of the Publication Board ought to be conducted separate and apart from the Sunday-school Board, and therefore our Manager is instructed to secure quarters for the conducting of our business independent of the Sunday-school Board; this separation to go into effect October 1st, 1900."

The condition of our plant remains in general the same as it was one year ago. For the purpose of reducing the expenses the printing of the Messenger has been awarded to the "Report Publishing Co.," of Lebanon, Pa., and in order to procure proper mailing privileges, the name Lebanon had to be added to that of Philadelphia as the place of publication. The subscription list of the Messenger is about the same as last year; that of the Review has been considerably increased. The book business has been remunerative and promises to become more so in the future. We bespeak for this branch of our trade the patronage of ministers and people of the church. Favorable action was taken by the Board at its last meeting on the request of the Potomac Synod that the subscription price of the Messenger be reduced as soon as practicable. The Manager has the matter under consideration.

The financial condition of the plant is shown by the following reports of the Manager, and the Treasurer.

Report of Francis E. Heller, Manager, July 1, 1900.

RESOURCES.		
Cash on hand	$2,847 55	
Merchandise in Book Department	4,762 84	
Merchandise in Messenger Department	68 76	
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 727 12	
Accounts Receivable—Book Department	1,651 12	
Accounts Receivable—Advertising	470 00	
Subscriptions due on Messenger	6,644 39	
Subscriptions due on Review	182 00	$17,353 78
LIABILITIES.		
Messenger Subscriptions paid in advance	$2,856 78	
Review Subscriptions paid in advance	346 50	$3,203 28
Net Capital		$14,150 50

Losses and Gains from Nov. 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900.

			Losses.	Gains.
BOOK DEPARTMENT.				
Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	$4,762 84			
Credits	10,196 61	$14,959 45		
Inventory, Nov. 1st, 1899...	$3,508 19			
Debits	9,107 27	$12,615 46		$2,343 99
MESSENGER.				
Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	$ 68 76			
Credits	10,498 52	$10,567 28		
Debits		10,353 48		$213 80
REVIEW.				
Debits		$723 20		
Credits		710 20	$13 00	
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.				
Inventory, Nov. 1st, 1899...	$557 85			
Debits	248 00	$805 85		
Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	$727 12			
Credits	62 50	789 62	16 23	
Net gain, November 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900..			2,528 56	
			$2,557 79	$2,557 79

The above report and the Manager's books were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper and found correct.

It will be noticed in the above statement the liability of $1,878.94 of last year's report has not been carried along and that the net capital has accordingly been correspondingly increased.

Report of James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Publication Board, September 1, 1900.

September 22d, 1899, balance in Treasury as per last report..		$39 34
RECEIPTS.		
Interest on Reading & Columbia R. R. bonds...	$200 00	
Bonus from Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00	
Interest from Board of Home Missions on Mortgage Bonds.....	150 00	
Last and final distribution of Fisher estate.....	$17 40	$1,367 40
		$1,406 74
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Expenses of members attending meetings of Board,	$145 75	
Printing Report.....	8 90	
A. W. Bomberger's counsel fee in Fisher estate..	5 00	
June 1st, purchase of Bond Reading & Columbia R. R. Co.....	1,000 00	
Premium on Bond.....	20 00	1,179 65
Balance in Treasury.....		$227 09

INVESTMENTS.

5 bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R. Co., 5 per cent	$5,000 00	
1st mortgage bond, Massilon, Ohio, 5 per cent., Board of Home Missions	1,000 00	
1st mortgage, Youngstown, Ohio, 5 per cent	1,000 00	$7,000 00

The books, papers and report of the Treasurer were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and found correct.

By comparing this report with that of last year it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by $1,000.00, with almost $200.00 more cash balance in the Treasurer's hands.

The Board has endeavored to give the matters entrusted to its oversight and care, its most faithful attention and to manage them to the best of its ability. And it is our opinion that publications can be made, much more than they already are, a very useful and efficient department of Church work, and therefore we ask for the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of the Synods, the Classes and the people of the Church in the work in which we are their humble servants.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.* W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report during the session on Saturday forenoon which was received, acted on item by item, amended and finally adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of formulating a report on the Publication interests of our Publication Board, begs leave to record the following:

The annual report of the Board, as well as the financial balance sheets of both the Manager, Francis E. Heller, and the Treasurer, James T. Reber, were referred to the Committee by this Synod.

1. This Report shows that at the City of Lancaster, October 19, 1899, the Board elected Mr. Francis E. Heller as their Business Manager at a salary of $1,600 per annum.

2. On the 10th day of January, 1900, the Publication Board entered into an agreement with the Sunday-school Board with a view of doing a partnership Book business.

At a future meeting held June 29, 1900, the Publication Board rescinded its action relative to the joint Book business, and for the purpose of avoiding all future friction, passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Board that the business of the Publication Board ought to be conducted separately and apart from the Sunday-school Board, and therefore our Manager is instructed to secure separate quarters for the conducting of our business, independent of the Sunday-school Board; this separation to go into effect October 1, 1900."

3. For the purpose of reducing expenses, the *Messenger* is being printed at Lebanon by the Report Publishing Company.

The subscription list of the *Messenger* is about the same in number as last year, while that of the *Review* has commendably increased. The subscription price of the *Messenger* will be reduced in the near future.

By comparing this and last year's reports we find that the invested funds have been increased by $1,000, and nearly $200 more cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Your Committee is also pleased to notice that there is a gain of $2,343.99 during the year in the Book Department; $213.80 in the *Messenger* account, while there has been $13 more expended than income in the publishing of the *Review*.

Moreover, this Synod is more than pleased with the Board, that they can show a net gain of $2,528.56 from Nov. 1, 1899 to July 1, 1900.

Your Committee recommends the following action to be adopted by this Synod:

1. That this Synod duly appreciates the competent and faithful service of the Board in our Publication interests, and congratulates the Manager and Treasurer upon their commendable financial success.

2. That this Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the able and satisfactory editorial management of the *Messenger* by the present editor, Rev. C. J. Musser.

3. That this Synod kindly expects and urges the Classes, pastors and people, to patronize the Board of Publication relative to the purchase of books and libraries.

4. That it is the sense of this Synod that only as the pastors and consistories become thoroughly interested in the edu-

cational work of the Church will the circulation of the *Messenger* be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FREEMAN,

A. F. DREISBACH, JOHN W. APPEL,

C. H. MUTSCHLER, L. LEINBACH.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have 3800 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

Publishing the Inaugural Services.

In response to Item 2 in the Report on Minutes of Synod. the following report was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN.—The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to have the Inaugural Address and the services held in connection with the Inauguration of Prof. Geo. W. Richards, printed, respectfully report that the matter has been attended to.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod, 1200 copies were printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the English-speaking ministers of the Church, and the laymen who are members of the Boards of the Seminary. The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication Board, and the bill paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD,

W. F. MORE, M. H. SANGREE.

ARTICLE XX.

ORPHAN HOME AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Report of Bethany Orphan Home was referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home, which reads as follows:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—In behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home we herewith submit to your reverend body a concise statement of the present condition of the Home.

We have at present 125 children. Since the last annual

meeting of your body 24 have entered the Home, so that we have cared for 140 during the past year. Four more were admitted at the last meeting of the Board so that our family will soon number between 125 and 130 orphans.

Our large family is comfortably housed in three buildings. The larger boys being in the main house, the larger girls in Santee Hall, and the small children in the Frick Cottage.

Many appeals have been received during the past year which the Board could not grant. At the recent meetings of the Board nearly fifty per cent. of the applications have been for the admission of children whose fathers are living but who have either deserted their families or are worthless and do not support those who are dependent upon them. While the Board has sympathy for the children who are in such circumstances, and while some of this class were admitted when the Home was not so full as it now is, the Board feels that our means and room will not allow us to admit this class of children as a rule, for that would eventually mean the crowding out of the orphans. We call attention to this fact so that when such an application is not granted the reason may be known.

We are grateful for the liberal contributions received during the past year. The sum of eight thousand dollars, asked for at the last Christmas season, was received. With it, and such additional income as we had during the year, we were able to meet all necessary expenses. As our family is somewhat larger than last year at this time, we shall again ask the Church for a Christmas offering to the amount of at least $8,000.

We have within the last twelve months received a number of legacies which have been put into the endowment fund. The interest of this money will help to carry on the work which was dear to the hearts of the donors and which received their support in their lifetime.

The anniversary of the Home was celebrated on August 31st of this year. As is usual on this day it again brought to our mountain home large numbers of Reformed people from far and near and was an occasion of much profit to the Home.

For more detailed information about the farm, schools, the family life and the financial statement we respectfully refer you to the special Bethany number of the *Reformed Church Mes-*

senger of August 30th, 1900, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

With gratitude to God for His care over His large family during the year, and invoking your continued sympathy and help in this work for the fatherless, we are

Yours very truly,

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF BETHANY ORPHAN HOME.

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Secretary.*

Report of Standing Committee of Bethany Orphan Home.

The Report on Bethany Orphan Home was presented at the session on Monday afternoon and adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Standing Committee on Orphan Home begs to present the following report:

The report of the Managers of Bethany Orphan Home and a copy of the Reformed Church Messenger of Aug. 30th, 1900, which contains a very interesting history of the home and a report of the Treasurer as well as many other facts of interest pertaining to the home, have been referred to your committee.

From the Treasurer's report we gather the following facts. Received from contributions up to July 5th, 1900, $9,067.54. Bethany day $1668.02. Interest from Endowment Fund, from farm products and other sources, $3,959.74. Total receipts for general account $12,027.28.

The total amount of expenses of the Home up to July 5th, 1900, together with last year's deficit of $731, $12,359. Leaving a deficit July 5th, 1900, $332.71.

At the present time the home contains 125 children. At the last meeting 4 more were admitted, making the total 129, being 10 more than last year.

It is with pleasure that we call the attention of Synod to the fact that during the year some very large legacies have been received, amounting to $9,505.99, which, being added to the endowment fund of the Home, makes the total endowment fund $19,933.49.

From the Board's report and The Messenger we gather the gratifying information that the Home has been doing faithful and successful work during the year, and is meeting with increased sympathy and help of the Church. This no doubt is an

expression of the implicit confidence the Church reposes in its management, as well as an expression of love and sympathy for the homeless.

The Home appeals again to the sympathy and liberality of the Church and asks the Church for a Christmas offering of at least $8,000.

In view of the important work that the Home is engaged in and the gratifying report of its management, therefore

Resolved, That we commend the Home to the continued care and sympathy of the Church.

Resolved, That Synod herewith recommend that offerings of Churches, Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies during the Christmas season be devoted to the support of the Home, with a view of raising the $8,000 asked for by the Board of Managers.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. KRICK. J. U. REINECKE.
L. M. FETTEROLF. J. B. PIPER.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The Annual Reports of this Society, referred to in 3rd and 4th Item in Report on Overtures, were read and referred to a special committee for further consideration. The Reports are as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—As the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:—

RECEIPTS.

From Lebanon Classis	$130 00
From Lancaster Classis	104 68
From Tohickon Classis	65 00
From Philadelphia Classis	63 16
From Reading Classis	61 36
From Schuylkill Classis	30 00
From West Susquehanna Classis	27 65
From East Pennsylvania Classis	27 25
From Lehigh Classis	22 00
	$531 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to 23 Annuitants	$1075 00

Attention is also called to the Daniel Stine Memorial

Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is the property of the Society for Relief, and is carried forward as a department of its work. It is in need of and calls for financial help that it may be successfully maintained.

The officers are:

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Duncannon, Pa.

Rev. Chas. H. Coon, D.D., Secretary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,

Treasurer.

MYERSTOWN, PA., Oct. 1st, 1900.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your Reverend Body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1899	$3,447 34
From the estate of Daniel Black	4,000 00
" loans paid	5,198 00
" interest on investments	1,993 90
" Collections in the churches	1,369 89
" Pittsburgh Synod (special)	400 00
" royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	185 00
" individual gifts	171 00
Total	$16,765 13

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investment	$9,800 00
" to fifty-six annuitants	3,235 00
" for expenses, salary, printing, postage, revenue stamps and stationery	463 80
" to Daniel Stine's Memorial Home	402 00
Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1900	2,864 33
Total	$16,765 13
Invested Fund	$46,035 00

The following Ministers have become members during the year:.

Life Members.—Revs. Wm. H. Herbert, J. Philip Harner, Frederick Strassner, D.D., Nathaniel Ruetenik, John Phil.

Stein, D.D., Stanley R. Krebs, Titus C. Strock, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer S. May, John H. Prugh, D.D., Francis C. Yost, Benjamin Weiss, Edwin R. Williard, D.D., Jonathan V. George, Moritz Heinze, George P. Hartzell, Eugene L. McLean, David J. Wolff, Isaac A. Sites, Franklin W. Brown and Wm. F. Lichliter.

Annual Members.—Revs. J. G. Steinert, George H. Miller, Henry C. Nott and Ernest M. Preuss.

Officers of the Society.—Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., president, Bedford, Pa.; Rev. J. David Miller, vice-president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

Assessors.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Harry F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md.

Report on Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

The Special Committee appointed by President of Synod, consisting of Revs. Dr. H. M. Kieffer, J. Lewis Fluck and Elder Dr. A. B. Dundor, to whom the 3d and 4th Items in the Report on Overtures were referred, and also several items under the head of Requests in the Report on Minutes of Classes, presented the following Report, which was amended and adopted. The Report is as follows, to wit:

Your Special Committee on the Daniel Stine Memorial Home begs leave to report that we have taken into careful consideration the papers referred to the Committee. These are

I. A request from Lebanon Classis on the subject of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, and a similar request on the same subject from the Classis of East Pennsylvania.

The request from Lebanon Classis reads as follows:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Classis the present form of arrangement of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home is unnecessarily expensive, and on a basis which it would be impracticable to continue any longer.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Classis the Board of Managers of the Home or any other proper authority should invite propositions from any responsible parties and ascertain whether the affairs of the Home cannot be administered on a more economical basis.

The request of East Pennsylvania Classis reads as follows:

Resolved, That we overture the Eastern Synod to discontinue the relation between the Society and the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

II. The only other paper referred to the Committee is a report of the Treasurer of The Society of Relief, giving a brief "statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending Sept. 30, 1900." This document is accompanied by a "statement of the financial operations for the year," intended for publication in your minutes.

Your Committee begs leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Society of Relief for Ministers and Their Widows, and the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, be and are hereby overtured to so manage the Home and its affairs that the income for the maintenance of the Home shall be sufficient to meet all the expenses without an appropriation for this purpose from the funds of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows; and that if it be not practicable to so manage the Home then to return the property known as the Daniel Stine Home to the donor; and to refund to the present inmate of the Home the money he has paid into the treasury of the Society, under the conditions governing the admission of persons to the Home.

Resolved, That a copy of this paper be sent by the Corresponding Secretary at once to the Secretary of the Society of Relief, in order that the same may be presented at the meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday next, at Mercersburg, Pa.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Definition of an Irregularity.

In response to the Report of the Minutes of Synod, Item 8, as to what constitutes in the minutes of Classes an irregularity, the following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to report to this body on what constitutes an irregularity in the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, beg leave to report:

The duties of this Committee are prescribed in Art. 72, of the Constitution of the Reformed Church; and the particular topic of so-called irregularities rests upon the first item of said Article, and is intended as a fulfilment of its provisions.

This first item of the Article, together with the brief introduction, reads as follows:

"The report on the Minutes of Classes shall continue the following subjects in the order in which they are enumerated:

1. Whether anything and what, occurs in one or more Classes that seems to merit censure, either as an infringement of the Constitution, a violation of justice, an offense against propriety or a neglect of duty."

Two things are contained in this item which need to be observed.

The first is that this item carefully prescribes the scope which this particular topic of irregularities is to cover. Matters to be reported as irregularities must come under one or other of the four heads specified. For these four heads are given not as examples simply, but as a full prescription and limitation of its scope they are here introduced. It is an either-or: either as an infringement of the Constitution, a violation of justice, an offense against propriety, or a neglect of duty. This latter heading, viz., a neglect of duty would probably include the instructions of Synod touching the form in which the minutes of Classes are to be sent up to Synod. Among these instructions of Syond are the following: numbering the pages of the Minutes of Classis; indicating the actions of Classis on the margin; certifying to the copy of the Minutes of Classis, the report of the Committee on the State of the Church and the Statistics—certifying as Stated Clerk; putting the Seal of Classis on each separate document; appending a detached or detachable schedule of items, claiming the attention of Synod. But beyond the plain meaning of this first item in Art. 72, of the Constitution, and the specific instructions of Synod, the Committee has no warrant to go. For instance, to call a special meeting within less time than fourteen days would be an irregularity; on the contrary, recording a motion which was lost might be contrary to parliamentary usage, but it would not be an irregularity in the sense of this Article in the Constitution.

2. The second fact to be observed is this, that even within this prescribed scope not everything is to reported to Synod, but only such matters as may be of grave import—things which might seem to merit censure.

This Article in the Constitution says nothing of irregulari-

ties, and heading this topic in the report on Classical Minutes Irregularities is, perhaps, unfortunate, for it suggests a wider scope than the topic properly covers.

The Committee might yet say in conclusion that it would probably be fair to the Stated Clerks and save much trouble if Synod were to draw up a brief digest of parliamentary rules to be observed by the Classes in preparing their Minutes for Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. DELONG,

N. Z. SNYDER, MILTON HESS.

Division of Large Charges.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, A number of Classes of this Synod still allow the existence of charges constituted of a number of large congregations, whose pastors do not reside within the bounds of their charges ,and

WHEREAS, It is impossible for pastors of such large charges so situated to perform all the pastoral labor that ought to be done; neither is it possible for such charges to do the full measure of their duty in the matter of apportionments; therefore

Resolved, That Synod hereby requests the Classes to make earnest and immediate efforts to reconstruct any large charges existing within their bounds.

Resolved, That Synod requests Classes to make it a rule that pastors should live within the bounds of the charges they serve.

Advisability of Special Meeting of Synod.

The following resolution was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, Under the present arrangement of meetings of the Synod and Classes, the action of Synod with reference to apportionments and their subjects requiring prompt consideration on the par tof Classes and congregations is seriously delayed; therefore

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to take into consideration the advisability of holding a special meeting in the fall of the year, following the sessions of Synod, to consider the items referred by the Synod to the Classes.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, to whom were referred the vacancies occurring on the several Boards, presented its report on Friday, which was adopted.

The Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully report the following nominations:

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Wellington M. Leinbach.
Dr. A. B. Dundor.
One to be elected.

I. Three vacancies occur in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, for which we nominate the following:

John D. Skiles.
Jacob G. Dietz.
Jacob H. Stein.
George Kunkel, Esq.
Howard Knecht.
Prof. William Moyer.
Three to be elected.

II. Three vacancies occur in the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for which we nominate the following:

Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D.
Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D.
Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D.
Rev. J. F. DeLong, D.D.
Rev. T. Derr.
Rev. S. L. Whitmore.
Three to be elected.

III. One vacancy occurs in the Permanent Committee on Sunday-Schools, for which we nominate:

Rev. G. A. Schwedes.
Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard.
One to be elected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HILBUSH,
JOHN S. STAHR, J. G. RUPP,
THOS. N. REBER, F. W. VANDERSLOOT.

The election of the members of the Board of Trustees of

Synod was made the order of the day on Friday at 10 A. M., and the election of the remainder of the ticket on Saturday at 2 P. M. At the hours designated the elections were held.

The President appointed Rev. A. Houtz, Wm. M. Mader and Elder E. R. Burkholder as tellers, who reported the election of Dr. A. B. Dundor as Trustee of Synod; and Rev. Wm. M. Mader and Dr. Henry Bobb as tellers, who reported the second election as resulting in the choice of Messrs. Jno. D. Skiles, Jacob Y. Dietz, and Jacob H. Stein as Trustees of the Theological Seminary; Revs. Drs. J. E. Hiester, E. N. Kremer and H. M. Kieffer as members of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, and Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard as a member of Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

Dr. A. B. Dundor, Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1906; Rev. S. A. Leinbach, Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1905; Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, D.D.,Reading, Pa., term expires January 1, 1904; Mr. John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., term expires January 1, 1903; Mr. Daniel Schaffner, Hummelstown, Pa., term expires January 1, 1902.

Permanent Sunday-School Committee.

Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard, Hamburg, Pa., term expires October 1, 1905; Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, Allentown, Pa., term expires October 1, 1904; Dr. S. P. Heilman, Heilman Dale, Pa., term expires October 1, 1903; Mr. C. C. Leader, Shamokin, Pa., term expires October 1, 1902; Mr. F. G. Hobson, Collegeville, Pa., term expires October 1, 1901.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Messrs. Jacob Y. Dietz, John D. Skiles, Jacob H. Stein. Term expires December 31, 1906.

Messrs. Jno. J. Nissley, Jno. B. Roth, Jno. W. Appel, Esq. Term expires December 31, 1904.

Messrs. Geo. B. Heilman, Jeremiah Hess, Geo. L. Kunkel, Esq. Term expires December 31, 1902.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Revs. Drs. Jno. E. Hiester, E. N. Kremer, H. M. Kieffer. Term expires December 31, 1904.

Revs. Drs. Thomas C. Porter, Samuel G. Wagner, N. C. Schaeffer. Term expires December 31, 1902.

Reformed Church Publication Board.

Mr. H. M. Housekeeper, term expires December 31, 1903: Mr. Jas. F. Reber, term expires December 31, 1902; Mr. Jacob H. Stein, term expires December 31, 1902.

Committees to Report at Synods Next Annual Session.

The Endowment Committee of F. & M. College.

The Committee on Allentown College for Women.

The Permanent Committee of Synod on Sunday-Schools.

"The Church Member," by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph. D.

In the 2nd item in Report, on Overtures, reference is made to a book of 195 pages, entitled "The Church Member," presented to Synod by its author. The book was accepted, with thanks, and ordered to be preserved in the Archives.

Addresses Delivered at Synod.

In addition to the addresses delivered at Synod, as noted in the Report on Religious Services, the following persons were accorded the courtesy of Synod, who briefly addressed the body during its sessions: Rev. Jno. M. Schick, D.D., on our mission at Washington, D. C.; Rev. A. M. Schmidt, on the claims of F. & M. College in the erection of its Science Building; Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, on the present condition and needs of Bethany Orphan Home; Prof. Jos. H. Appel, Principal of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., on the necessity of a higher grade of female education.

Necrology.

In memory to departed Brethren, whose names are mentioned in the Reports on the State of Religion, the following brief record of their labors in the gospel ministry was prepared by the Stated Clerk, presented during the sessions of Synod, and by its instruction, incorporated in its Minutes.

REV. FRANK NELSON BLEILER.

Died Feb. 27, 1900.

Frank Nelson Bleiler, son of Augustus B. and Loretta Bleiler, was born Jan. 9th, 1865, in Overton, Bradford Co., Pa. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed by Rev. Phaon Kohler. His early literary training was received in public school and Towanda Collegiate Institute. He entered Ursinus College in 1891, and the theological department in 1893. Having received

a call, he was ordained and installed Aug. 19, 1894, as pastor of Brownback charge, Chester Co., Pa. On account of ill health, after serving the charge acceptably for three years, he tendered his resignation, with the view of regaining his physical vigor. A call was received from East Vincent charge and on April 9, 1899, he was installed as pastor. Unequal to the task, his health gradually declined, and on Feb. 27, 1900, the end came to his brief earthly career. The funeral services were held March 4th in Brownback's church, and the body was interred in the adjoining cemetery. He was married, Oct. 30, 1897, to Miss Annie Frock, who survives to mourn his departure.

REV. ALFRED B. SHENKLE.

Died April 22, 1900.

A. B. Shenkle was born March 27, 1815, in Unionville, Berks Co., Pa. He was baptized in infancy in the Episcopal Church, Douglassville, Pa., and in the 21st year of his age he was confirmed by Rev. Jno. C. Guldin in the Reformed church, East Vincent.

He was a student of Marshall College, and a graduate in 1848 of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa. In the year of his graduation he received a call of the Trappe charge, consisting of two congregations. He was ordained and installed by Philadelphia Classis as pastor of the charge. In 1868 he served the East Vincent and Phoenixville congregations. In 1869 he accepted a call to the Millersville charge, consisting of three congregations, where he labored for nearly 10 years with marked success. In 1878 he organized a congregation at Willow Street, which he supplied in connection with the church at Marietta. In 1893 he retired from the active duties of the ministry, living in peaceful seclusion in his own home at Millersville, where he died on Sunday, April 22, 1900, at the age of 85 years and 25 days. The funeral services were held on Thursday, April 26, in Zion's Church, a large substantial building erected during his pastorate, and his earthly remains were interred in the adjoining cemetery. He was blessed with two children, a son and daughter, who survive to mourn his departure.

REV. JAMES W. MABRY.

Died May 25, 1900.

James W. Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Mabry, nee Ziegler, was born June 22, A. D. 1853, on Long Swamp,

near Mertztown, Pa. His early literary training was received in public school and the Normal institution at Kutztown. He entered Ursinus College, and was graduated in 1877, and from the Theological Department in 1879. In the same year he was licensed to preach the Gospel by East Pennsylvania Classis, at Lehighton, Pa. In 1880 he accepted a call, and was ordained as pastor of the Kreidersville charge, consisting of three congregations, which he served faithfully for nearly twenty years. During the last six months of his life he was unable to perform the active duties of the ministry. He died May 17th, 1900, of that fell disease, consumption, at the age of 46 years, 11 months and 8 days. Mr. Mabry was married to Miss Annie Stam, of Womelsdorf, Pa., with whom he was blessed with an only daughter, who with her mother survives to mourn over their sore bereavement.

An early service was held Wednesday, May 23d, at his late home at Cherryville, Pa., and his earthly remains were then conveyed to the church at Long Swamp, where the funeral services were completed and the burial rite performed in the adjoining cemetery.

REV. ROBERT LISBERGER.

Died June 27, A. D. 1900.

Robert Lisberger was born at Lich, in Grosz Herzogthum, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany. He was the son of an ancestry of three or four generations in the Christian ministry. His classical training was received in the institutions of his native land—at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and at the University at Giessen.

Owing to financial reverses in his native home, he turned his face toward America and landed in New York in 1853. As a writer his services were secured for the *Reading Adler*, and Reading became his home for the time being.

During the six years of service in this city, he quietly pursued his literary studies, and subsequently his theological studies under Rev. Chas. G. Herman in Maxatawny, Berks Co. At the end of a three-years' course he was licensed March 10, A. D. 1863, by East Pennsylvania Classis to preach the Gospel He was ordained Aug. 20, 1863 at Weissport, serving one year as assistant to Rev. Sassaman Herman in Kutztown, and subsequently as assistant to Rev. John Gantenbein in the Kreidersville charge, of which he became in 1865 the regular pastor.

During his pastorate a beautiful church was erected near Bath, Pa., where he continued his unbroken ministrations for nearly 35 years. In 1872 he went to Oxford Furnace, N. J., where he organized a handful of disheartened foreign Germans into a congregation. During the last two years of his life he was disqualified for the active ministry by a paralytic stroke. His condition grew gradually worse, until he closed his earthly life June 27th, at the age of 70 years and 3 days.

A wife, two sons and two daughters survive to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held in St. Peter's church, of which he was the life-long pastor. Rev. D. E. Schoedler preached the funeral sermon from the text Zech. 14:7—At evening it shall be light.

Rev. Jared Fritzinger.

Died Sept. 25, A. D. 1900.

Jared Fritzinger, son of Mathias and Elizabeth Fritzinger, was born June 29, 1822, in Heidelberg township. His paternal grandfather, Ernest Fritzinger, came to America in 1730 from Switzerland, taught school and served as organist in churches in Berks and Lehigh counties. Rev. Fritzinger was confirmed by Rev. Jno. Helfrich at the age of fifteen, made his home at Allentown, where he was married, May 15, 1842, to Margaret Hagenbuch. He connected himself with Zion's Reformed Church, where he rendered efficient service.

For five years he privately pursued his studies for the Christian ministry under Revs. Dr. J. S. Dubbs and Christian R. Kessler.

In 1851 he was licensed to preach the Gospel at Plainfield by East Pennsylvania Classis. In the fall of the same year he accepted a call to Liberty, Tioga county, and made his home at Williamsport, Pa. In August, 1853, he accepted a call to Mahanoy charge, Northumberland, which he served seventeen years. On account of illness he resigned his charge and removed to Ashland. In 1872 he accepted a call to Moore Township charge, Northampton county, and in 1875 settled in Allentown. He aided in the orgaanization of Salem Reformed church, and served the congregation one year. In 1876 he organized Christ church, Allentown, and served the same until failing health re-

quired him in 1880 to resign. In 1884 he organized St. Mark's church near the city, and served the congregation until March 3, 1895. He died Sept. 25, 1900, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 26 days. The funeral services were held in Zion's Reformed church, Allentown. In his wedded life he was blessed with eight children. Of his family but three survive,—a son and two daughters,— to mourn his departure.

Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. A. Houtz, G. W. Gerhard and Elder F. Hartman to hear excuses for leave of absence. The report of the Committee was received at the close of the sessions and adopted. The day on which members were excused from further attendaance is noted in "Art. II, Members Present."

Time and Place for Synod's Next Annual Sessions.

While discussing the question of the next annual meeting of Synod the following resolutions were received and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod adopt the plan of self-entertainment as a standing rule, and that hereafter no invitation for free entertainment by our congregations be accepted.

Resolved, 2. That the Classes be and are hereby instructed annually to provide for the payment of the expenses of their delegates.

The invitation extended Synod as noted in Report on Overtures to hold its next annual sessions in Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, was accepted, and the day chosen for Synod to convene is the third Wednesday in October, 1901, at 8 p. m.

Reporters to the Press.

On the second day of the sessions, the President appointed Revs. C. E. Schaeffer, Thos. N. Raber and B. F. Luckenbill as reporters for the Philadelphia and local papers, and at the close of the sessions a report was received that the duties assigned were faithfully performed. The report was adopted.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted unanimously, to-wit:

Resolved, That Synod extends most cordial thanks to the pastor and members of First Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa., for their kind and liberal hospitality accorded the members of Synod during their stay in their midst, and the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to the pastor the sum of twenty dollars for the use of the church and incidental expenses.

Resolved, That Synod returns through its Stated Clerk its cordial thanks to the General Passenger Agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Phila. and Reading Railroad, Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey for granting the delegates tickets at excursion rates to attend the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That Synod gratefully acknowledges the free boat ride to Fort Augusta, tendered by Mr. P. H. Moore and the cordial reception and lunch given by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gross to the delegates of Synod on Friday evening at the close of its sessions.

The business of the Synod being completed, the Minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV
ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on third Wednesday in October, 1901, at 8 p. m.

Synod adjourned finally on Monday, 4.30 p. m., October 22, 1900, with repetition of Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic benediction by the President.

THOS. J. HACKER, *President.*
JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from original Minutes.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

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Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	450	387	89	32	1	10	9	6	..	...	10	8	2	8	167	..	$428 00	$1169 00	6	...	Catasauqua.
Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville	3	460	410	200	38	..	18	4	6	..	...	11	8	4	....	....	..	410 00	1000 00	8	...	Bethlehem, Pa.
*Robert Lisberger	Superannuated	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Bath, Pa.
Thos. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Lafayette Col.	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Easton, Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock	Superannuated.	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Paterson, N. J.
Tilghman O. Stem	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Easton, Pa.
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	4	793	510	611	21	1	30	2	8	..	...	25	4	4	94	691	..	205 00	1400 00	12	...	Bath, Pa.
*J. W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	525	395	250	12	..	...	2	4	..	...	15	7	5	53	561	..	165 00	901 00	13	...	Cherryville, Pa.
F. W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	673	506	358	34	..	41	4	6	..	...	8	5	8	73	508	1	224 00	1294 00	30	50	Effort, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	First Ch., Easton	1	533	423	170	21	1	30	23	6	..	5	11	....	3	56	412	..	1108 00	3610 00	14	...	Easton, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Salem, Catasauqua	1	330	300	185	35	..	26	23	...	..	21	3	7	1	30	326	1	438 00	1500 00	12	20	Catasauqua, Pa.
John Wolbach	Without charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Catasauqua, Pa.
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	400	360	140	17	2	20	6	6	..	10	8	2	3	36	402	1	270 00	1640 00	18	35	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A. Schwedes	Christ Ch., Bethl'm	1	548	420	200	13	..	21	37	12	..	15	8	6	1	52	395	..	590 00	4500 00	16	...	Bethlehem, Pa.
S. F. Laury	Broadheadsville	3	683	520	581	36	..	...	4	3	..	...	18	5	4	72	415	..	203 00	1000 00	8	25	Broadheadsville, P
R. C. Weaver	Forks	1	426	350	260	39	..	30	5	10	..	...	11	3	2	30	200	..	189 60	750 00	10	35	Bethlehem, Pa.
W. H. Wotring	Dryland	2	915	700	600	33	..	27	64	3	..	5	18	9	4	38	450	2	652 00	3085 00	13	100	Nazareth, Pa.
Geo. J. Lisberger	Plainfield	3	328	275	160	15	2	4	3	3	..	8	16	2	3	35	275	..	128 00	725 00	6	...	Bath, Pa.
John F. DeLong, D.D.	Freemansburg	1	181	145	90	15	..	8	2	5	..	...	1	3	1	22	190	..	225 00	1137 00	15	30	Bethlehem, Pa.
Irvin M. Bachman	E. Mauch Chunk	1	235	185	100	16	1	22	21	6	..	4	7	2	1	22	170	1	70 00	1434 00	10	20	E. Mauch Chunk, P
E. L. Kemp	Prof. N. S. Stroud'g	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	E. Stroudsburg, P
Thos. H. Krick	Weissport	1	260	170	185	31	..	17	22	15	..	4	5	3	1	22	201	..	155 00	890 00	7	70	Weissport, Pa.
J. G. Rupp	Grace, Stemton, Pa.	1	340	297	209	24	..	39	30	1	..	16	....	2	1	32	339	..	263 33	2477 55	7	55	Northampton, Pa.
F. H. Moyer	Siegfried	1	200	178	70	20	..	17	42	5	..	13	1	1	1	47	462	..	166 00	600 00	6	20	Siegfried, Pa.
E. C. Hibshman	Stroudsburg	1	166	136	....	14	1	15	4	3	4	...	1	....	1	26	170	..	70 00	1750 00	5	...	Stroudsburg, Pa.
W. H. Brong	Tannersville	4	451	247	245	37	3	44	0	2	..	7	4	10	4	55	350	1	65 68	1210 00	10	26	Tannersville, Pa.
W. U. Helffrich	Christ Ch., Bath	1	231	135	196	8	..	10	2	5	..	1	4	3	1	29	188	1	251 00	900 00	8	25	Bath, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	S. Bethlehem, Pa.
A. O. Bartholomew	Grace Ch., Easton	1	200	180	120	6	..	13	18	3	..	...	3	1	1	22	165	..	185 00	1995 00	7	40	Easton, Pa.
W. H. Erb	St. Paul's, Bethl'm	1	180	154	150	17	..	7	28	2	..	6	8	3	1	17	148	..	18 50	1260 00	12	25	Bethlehem, Pa.
Geo. W. Remagen	St. John's, Bangor	1	222	162	100	7	2	21	14	5	..	...	5	2	1	27	263	..	60 00	2677 56	12	100	Bangor, Pa.
H. H. Sangree	St. Mark's, Easton	1	313	255	150	...	4	20	54	14	..	...	3	2	1	42	360	..	307 00	4242 57	12	30	Easton, Pa.
W. H. Millhouse	Towamensing	3	350	270	200	30	..	51	12	6	..	...	11	4	8	100	700	..	250 00	1500 00	18	50	Parryville, Pa.
Vacant	Memorial, Easton	1	106	85	....	13	4	18	6	2	..	...	2	....	1	21	183	..	41 27	304 58	7	...	Easton, Pa.
John F. DeLong, D.D., supply	Rittersville	1	140	95	90	8	..	...	2	...	..	...	3	2	1	9	100	..	36 00	450 00	10	...	Bethlehem, Pa.
H. C. Weaver, supply	St. Peter's	1	127	100	75	11	..	11	4	...	..	...	3	1	1	10	95	1	43 00	200 00	6	20	Bethlehem, Pa.
F. H. Moyer, supply	Bethany	1	104	87	35	4	..	7	8	1	..	10	...	4	1	22	120	..	25 00	810 00	8		Siegfried, Pa.
S. P. Mauger, supply	Kilbuckville	1	[illegible]	70	[illegible]	[illegible]																	

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Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	Annville	4	550	467	281	35	4	13	3	7	..	...	15	1	4	104	446	..	$501	$1600	22	75	Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Thomas C. Leinbach	Bernville	6	1450	1380	800	52	..	32	20	50	..	40	40	5	12	60	500	2	261	7000	15	100	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa
Eli E. Hiester	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa.
Daniel B. Albright	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
James A. Schultz	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa
Adam J. Bachman	Schaefferstown	5	900	620	800	68	17	62	7	6	..	...	25	19	7	129	750	..	370	1200	24	100	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa
Henry J. Welker	Tulpehocken	2	690	648	311	31	1	45	9	5	..	...	10	1	2	25	225	..	212	2350	20	....	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa
William J. Kershner	Sinking Spring	4	1284	1130	653	76	2	63	4	21	..	96	26	9	5	....	....	1	327	3150	20	175	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa
L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	570	532	270	22	..	...	9	9	..	34	12	5	4	67	365	1	151	1190	20	64	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1046	980	450	41	2	51	2	20	..	...	32	3	6	40	414	..	450	1800	16	130	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	59	57	....	6	8	...	3	6	..	...	....	....	2	7	130	..	151	81	10	....	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa
D. Earnest Klopp, D.D.	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	776	715	207	38	2	47	....	20	..	6	16	14	5	33	260	..	151	1950	24	80	228 S. 3rd St., Reading, Pa
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	537	466	310	36	4	57	34	4	..	10	12	34	1	55	622	1	381	7975	10	115	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa
Henry Hilbish	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa
U. Henry Hellman	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	432	359	267	11	3	12	3	7	..	1	4	....	4	47	319	..	248	953	22	31	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa
J. Lewis Fluck	Myerstown Cong.	1	461	418	110	14	..	6	8	7	..	15	9	11	1	48	306	..	494	1726	12	....	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa
Edward S. Bromer	Tabor, Lebanon	1	684	565	399	45	1	47	23	11	..	...	14	3	1	75	597	1	885	5782	15	130	1024 Chestn't St., Leban'n, Pa
Henry H. Ranck	St. John's, Lebanon	1	240	185	99	8	1	16	27	9	..	2	4	3	1	39	226	..	766	5532	12	50	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa
Henry A. Keyser, D.D.	Bethel	4	648	565	329	11	..	...	....	5	..	...	4	....	4	50	400	..	46	1000	20	25	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa
Rev. H. J. Welker, supply	Grace Church, Avon	1	115	101	41	15	1	6	1	2	..	...	1	....	1	23	233	..	.....	800	....	....	
Rev. R. S. Appel, supply	Shartlesville	2	185	147	45	19	..	11	5	5	..	...	10	1	2	15	120	..	28	285	8	25	
Anselm V. Hiester	Prof. in F. & M. Col.	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	1	....	26 Race Ave., Lancaster, Pa
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S. P. Mauger, supply	Fitchsville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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L. D. Stambaugh	Womelsdorf	4	570	532	270	22	..	...	9	9	..	34	12	5	4	67	365	1	151	1190	20	64	Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa
Samuel A. Leinbach	Bern	3	1046	980	450	41	2	51	2	20	..	...	32	3	6	40	414	..	450	1800	16	130	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa
Thomas M. Yundt	Bethany	2	59	57	...	6	8	...	3	6	..	...	...	...	2	7	130	..	151	81	10	...	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa
D. Earnest Klopp, D.D.	Without Charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa
Jonathan V. George	Allegheny	5	776	715	207	38	2	47	...	20	..	6	16	14	5	33	260	..	151	1950	24	80	228 S. 3rd St., Reading, Pa
I. Calvin Fisher	St. Mark's, Lebanon	1	537	466	310	36	4	57	34	4	..	10	13	34	1	55	622	1	381	7975	10	115	752 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa
Henry Hilbish	Without Charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa
U. Henry Hellman	Without Charge	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa
Wilson D. Donat	Swatara	4	432	359	267	11	3	12	3	7	..	1	4	...	4	47	319	..	248	953	22	31	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa
J. Lewis Fluck	Myerstown Cong	1	461	418	110	14	..	6	8	7	..	15	9	11	1	48	306	..	494	1726	12	...	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa
Edward S. Bromer	Tabor, Lebanon	1	684	565	399	45	1	47	23	11	..	...	14	3	1	75	597	1	885	5782	15	130	1024 Chestn't St., Leban'n, Pa
Henry H. Ranck	St. John's, Lebanon	1	240	185	99	8	1	16	27	9	..	2	4	3	1	39	226	..	766	5532	12	50	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa
Henry A. Keyser, D.D.	Bethel	4	648	565	329	11	..	...	...	5	..	...	4	...	4	50	400	..	46	1000	20	25	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa
Rev. H. J. Welker, supply	Grace Church, Avon	1	115	101	41	15	1	6	1	2	..	...	1	...	1	23	233	..	...	800	...	...	
Rev. R. S. Appel, supply	Shartlesville	2	185	147	45	19	..	11	5	5	..	...	10	1	2	15	120	..	28	285	8	25	
Anselm V. Hiester	Prof. in F. & M. Col.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	26 Race Ave., Lancaster, Pa
21.	Total, 16	50	10627	9335	5372	528	46	468	158	194	..	204	235	109	62	817	5913	6	$5422	$44374	277	1100	

JONATHAN E. HIESTER, Stated Clerk.

TOHICKON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, C'mmun'ts	Deaths, Unconf'd.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jacob Kehm	Tohickon	2	475	373	255	25	6	33	2	7	..	...	10	6	2	33	229	..	$325 06	$1366 82	20	...	Sellersville, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder, D.D.	Salisbury	1	100	51	52	4	..	...	...	...	..	4	....	2	2	33	170	..	55 14	208 00	8	10	So. Bethlehem,
F. J. Mohr	Quakertown	2	540	480	260	16	3	14	15	11	..	60	12	3	2	37	357	..	440 00	2380 00	14	...	Quakertown, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D.D.	Lower Saucon	4	633	528	238	24	..	33	7	2	..	...	10	6	5	69	533	..	376 21	1398 40	25	93	Hellertown, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	334	269	198	8	1	15	15	8	..	...	2	....	1	28	290	..	2311 00	1611 00	12	15	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. J. Rothtrock	Lansdale	1	348	298	75	14	7	19	11	3	..	5	4	5	1	30	290	..	374 32	1395 00	9	35	Lansdale, Pa.
J. G. Dubbs	Friedensville	3	817	695	489	27	..	...	18	9	..	31	22	12	8	42	338	..	206 00	1660 00	22	...	Coopersburg, Pa.
A. P. Horn	Springfield	3	534	396	200	19	..	5	1	5	..	...	9	6	3	20	100	..	170 07	835 00	20	10	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Long, D.D.	Tinicum	2	308	270	175	15	1	15	1	2	..	3	11	1	2	20	200	..	70 00	705 00	14	...	Frenchtown, N.
C. B. Weaver	Nockamixon	2	605	502	240	32	1	14	8	10	..	14	14	4	7	57	440	..	291 00	1127 00	13	...	Ferndale, Pa.
D. Scheirer	So. Bethlehem	1	506	328	320	39	..	11	36	9	..	21	10	10	1	36	260	..	226 63	3706 74	12	16	So. Bethlehem,
B. F. Luckenbill	Indian Creek	3	569	527	275	19	6	21	18	14	..	5	15	5	2	22	280	..	410 46	2775 52	25	42	Souderton, Pa.
John Naille	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Trappe, Pa.
W. H. Hoch	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Bath, Pa.
W. H. Mader	South Easton	1	300	250	190	19	..	19	23	4	..	17	4	....	1	21	196	..	100 00	1800 00	12	15	Easton, Pa.
J. R. Bergey	Doylestown	1	254	244	112	4	14	20	18	5	..	...	4	1	1	29	243	..	168 55	1370 00	12	50	Doylestown, Pa.
J. A. Mertz	Durham	3	447	325	229	18	..	...	6	7	..	4	6	1	3	27	295	1	591 00	1725 00	19	...	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. O. Lindaman	Hilltown	2	429	386	210	15	8	12	8	1	..	5	12	2	3	30	270	1	366 00	943 00	22	25	Perkasie, Pa.
G. G. Greenawald	Sellersville	2	310	276	129	6	5	21	32	4	..	...	3	2	2	40	260	1	324 57	1175 61	13	43	Sellersville, Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	Trumbaursville	4	564	472	369	15	..	...	10	23	..	19	8	1	4	36	208	..	91 00	1248 00	26	...	Cressman, Pa.
Vacant	Perkasie	1	231	196	89	6	1	8	...	4	..	...	1	....	1	37	362	..	171 99	971 90	6	40	Perkasie, Pa.
20.	Total. 19.	29	8300	6866	4096	325	53	260	226	131	..	187	54	67	51	647	5321	3	$7069 00	$28402 89	304	404	

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Commun'ts.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconf'd.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-Schools.	S. S. STATISTICS. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. STATISTICS. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.	St. Stephen's, Lancaster	1	60	56	17	3	...	3	4	2	..	..	1	2	1	10	94	3	$294 22	$220 29	6	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore Appel, D.D.	Author	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D.D.	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Harrisburg, Pa.
John M. Titzel, D.D.	First Church, Lancaster	1	498	360	139	18	1	14	6	2	..	1	12	11	1	31	225	1	420 00	3000 00	18	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in F. & M. College	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	1	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.	Prof. in Theological Seminary	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Home Missions	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	340	243	175	11	18	29	5	6	..	2	4	3	3	47	192	1	332 69	3805 00	24	...	New Holland, Pa
Darius W. Gerhard	Salem at Heller's	1	355	280	100	7	11	12	...	10	..	..	4	1	1	26	198	1	313 00	1194 25	8	75	Lancaster, Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer	Muddy Creek	4	695	580	275	41	7	62	4	10	..	..	19	10	..	40	235	1	204 00	750 00	8	75	Ephrata, Pa.
Ambrose C. Geary	Armstrong Valley	6	133	78	53	4	...	...	...	...	..	..	2	1	4	4	35	..	11 55	155 00	4	4	Fisherville, Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.	Salem, Harrisburg	1	425	308	134	12	4	8	17	16	..	3	12	3	1	45	306	..	807 78	3129 27	26	...	Harrisburg, Pa.
Milton H. Sangree	Fourth Church, Harrisburg	1	123	107	100	13	3	8	15	9	..	..	3	2	1	21	175	..	140 30	847 30	8	15	Harrisburg, Pa.
John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.	Prest. F. & M. College	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Souder	New Providence	2	276	225	126	6	13	19	3	2	..	..	6	....	2	32	220	..	175 07	1170 00	14	...	New Providence, P
Jonathan H. Pannebecker, D.D.	Columbia	2	416	273	....	14	7	22	15	7	..	7	6	1	2	44	406	..	342 00	1985 00	18	...	Columbia, Pa.
James G. Dengler	Maytown	1	110	80	65	2	1	3	...	...	..	..	2	1	1	13	94	..	73 88	820 00	10	...	Maytown, Pa.
William F. Lichliter	St. Luke's, Lancaster	1	272	198	287	38	8	38	14	2	..	18	7	12	1	39	615	..	115 95	1667 87	12	9	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus P. Moore, D.D.	Missionary to Japan	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	First Church, Steelton	1	154	110	95	9	5	12	23	4	..	..	....	....	1	25	140	..	105 00	785 00	10	15	Steelton, Pa.
Newton J. Miller	Disabled	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
David B. Schneder, D.D.	Missionary to Japan	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Sendai, Japan.
Jarius A. Wickert	Reamstown	4	432	335	195	3	2	13	1	5	..	..	9	....	4	64	531	..	347 50	850 00	18	125	Denver, Pa.
Benjamin F. Bausman	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Theodore G. DeLyre	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lancaster	2	907	706	400	40	37	68	42	17	..	6	15	8	1	95	800	..	1273 47	3695 26	23	87	Lancaster, Pa.
George F. Mull	Prof. in F. & M. College	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. College	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
B. Howard Roth	Millersville	2	321	255	96	9	9	15	8	11	..	..	3	1	2	35	205	..	242 30	870 00	12	...	Millersville, Pa.
Albert H. Hibshman	Second Church, Harrisburg	1	236	196	125	19	10	37	35	31	..	..	3	1	1	37	253	..	214 94	2494 23	25	...	Harrisburg, Pa.
William H. Landis	Shoop's	3	212	178	85	3	1	10	13	2	..	15	6	3	3	56	325	..	176 00	670 00	14	...	Penbrook, Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer	Christ Church, Elizabethtown	1	212	163	45	2	9	15	4	...	..	10	5	....	1	25	159	..	231 00	695 00	12	...	Elizabethtown, P
Louis C. Harnish	Hummelstown	2	181	137	107	7	...	2	7	8	..	..	3	1	2	31	208	1	412 00	900 00	15	...	Hummelstown, P
William Yenser	Zion's, Marietta	1	194	116	80	27	6	15	1	2	..	..	6	5	1	22	218	..	6 15	600 00	10	...	Marietta, Pa.
George W. Welsh	Manheim	2	276	235	146	...	17	10	6	2	..	..	3	2	2	38	275	1	293 00	2508 00	18	45	Manheim, Pa.
Frederick C. Hullhorst	Bethany	3	200	158	68	13	2	4	8	2	..	..	7	....	2	30	234	..	44 29	1007 63	12	...	Ephrata, Pa.
John D. Hicks	Assistant to J. W. Meminger	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	...	Lancaster, Pa.
J. Rauch Stein	St. John's, Harrisburg	1	56	41	44	2	1	1	55	...	..	..	....	....	1	19	152	..	14 25	270 00	10	5	Harrisburg, Pa.
Daniel G. Glass	Faith Church, Lancaster	1	95	85	125	23	5	7	14	2	..	2	3	14	1	26	217	1	63 95	907 60	10	12	Lancaster, Pa.
Oswille B. Wehr	Willow Street	2	130	97	33	...	9	9	3	3	..	..	2	....	2	44	165	..	121 00	1727 00	14	23	Willow Street, P

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				S. S. STATISTICS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Retired																					Ashland, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstein	Mahanoy	5	416	371	177	35		26	2		1	1	10	7	49	245		$224 46	$807 99	25	18	Mahanoy, Pa.
J. Calvin Leinbach	Without Charge																					Reading, Pa.
C. H. Mutschler	Augusta	4	209	196	99	12	1	14	6	3		3	1	3	34	127		112 25	541 00	8	25	Sunbury, Pa.
S. P. Brown	Unionton	4	425	309		46		27	1	1		8	11	4				186 00	800 00	18		Pillow, Pa.
N. W. Sechler	Ringtown	4	443	350	316	49		25				10	13	4	36	276		123 00	986 00	16	45	Ringtown, Pa.
C. B. Schneder	Shamokin	1	952	739	775	146	6	67	33	12	50	11	17	2	80	1061		1241 00	4892 00	25	100	Shamokin, Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Lykens Valley	4	481	422	450	40		27	1	17	46	10	12	4	4	465		371 00	935 00	17	56	Elizabethville, Pa.
L. D. Steckel	Tower City, Mis	3	163	120	122	20		15	3	5	6	3	6	3	24	170		49 14	1155 04	6	21	Lykens, Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	1	465	436	389	36		35	28	5	12	8	4	1	33	347	2	452 00	1450 00	15	114	Ashland, Pa.
O. F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	6	344	267	152	27		12	7	4		4	1	6	76	350		170 48	745 00	12	24	Hegins, Pa.
L. M. Fetterolf	Mainville	3	166	173	101	12	3	2	2	4		7		2	18	86		90 30	606 37	8	31	Mainville, Pa.
A. P. Frantz	Numidia	2	370	341	300	19		32	10			7	3	3				175 00	1498 50	15	20	Newlin, Pa.
Geo. S. Butz	Paxinos	2	167	136	89	12			2	3	3	4	3	2	15	202		94 63	565 00	10	30	Paxinos, Pa.
C. D. Kressley	Line Mountain	6	400	320	350	64		16		2		3	6	9	40	300	1	176 80	1000 00	25	50	Leck Kill, Pa.
Albert Gonser	Mt. Carmel	1	180	142	197	27		13	30	2	23	3	6	1	18	195		57 00	1076 00	8	12	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
M. M. Fryer	Tower City Mis																					Tower City, Pa.
Robert O'Boyle	Sunbury	1	320	289	227	4		13	17	4		10	3	1	25	350		351 00	2676 00	12	78	Sunbury, Pa.
Jos. H. Schlappich	Without Charge																					McKeesport, Pa.
S. F. Hartzel	Without Charge																					Fredericksburg, Pa.
A. T. G. Apple	Catawissa	1	132	98	69			1	12	2		4		1	22	110		168 00	837 00	12	50	Catawissa, Pa.
S. H. Eisenberg, Ph.D.	Millersburg	3	420	337	253	10		26	16	8	9	5		3	62	440	1	278 00	679 00	18	25	Millersburg, Pa.
J. W. Buck	Without Charge																					Plainfield, N. J.
Vacant	Mt. Carmel Slav.																					
J. Alvin Reber	McAdoo Miss'n.	2	97	53	55	5			10		13		1	2	23	103		10 00	300 00	9		McAdoo, Pa.
Albert Gonser, supply	Hope Congre'n.	1	19	16	9	3					1		1	1	8	45		1 67	60 00	4	2	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
24.	Total	54	6167	5115	4130	564	10	351	180	72	164	115	98	59	637	4872	4	$4331 73	$21609 90	263	701	

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Commun'ts	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconf'd.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-School	S. S. STATISTICS. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. STATISTICS. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
L. Kryder, Evans, D.D.	Trinity, Pottstown	1	715	635	590	52	8	37	12	19	..	..	23	28	2	98	662	..	$617 00	$4343 00	18	...	Pottstown, Pa.
Aug. L. Dechant	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Pennsburg, Pa.
Simon N. K. Huber	Wentz's	2	452	410	166	18	7	...	....	14	..	..	8	7	1	17	210	1	342 00	900 00	18	...	Skippack, Pa.
Eli Keller, D.D.	Zionsville	4	850	827	500	56	..	10	6	18	..	..	24	10	4	....	....	..	474 00	2091 00	25	...	Zionsville, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	4	737	628	450	65	1	30	3	9	..	3	21	5	4	59	327	1	403 00	1355 00	16	55	Oley, Pa.
Charles S. Wieand	Zion's, Pottstown	1	439	338	230	21	2	18	15	1	..	9	6	16	1	36	244	..	250 00	1543 00	10	...	Pottstown, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Boyertown	2	579	428	388	25	..	10	11	12	..	..	13	7	2	57	442	..	258 00	2538 00	18	30	Boyertown, Pa.
J. Lucian Roush	Old Goshenhoppen	4	876	642	485	39	..	12	10	14	..	5	18	5	5	136	718	..	891 00	1165 00	24	..	Pennsburg, Pa.
George W. Roth	Swamp-Amity	3	498	467	120	22	1	22	10	8	..	9	12	2	3	....	....	..	271 00	1504 00	20	...	Boyertown, Pa.
George B. Walbert	New Goshenhoppen	1	809	683	300	25	..	23	8	1	..	2	12	8	1	51	447	..	1794 00	1900 00	16	...	East Greenville, Pa.
William B. Werner	Schwenksville	2	481	354	184	7	9	28	9	4	..	..	7	2	2	35	258	1	262 00	1789 00	18	...	Schwenksville, Pa.
Thos. H. Leinbach	Grt. Swamp-Chest. Hill	2	562	482	280	20	..	28	13	8	..	..	7	4	2	40	375	1	542 00	1485 00	18	...	Spinnerstown, Pa.
Edwin W. Lentz	Royersford	1	149	121	63	16	7	12	6	4	..	5	1	1	1	25	181	..	83 00	1065 00	15	16	Royersford, Pa.
J. Frank Dechant	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	1308 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
Charles A. Mohr	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	....	...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Macungie, Pa.
Ministers, 13; Licentiates, 2.	Total, 12.	27	7147	6015	3666	366	35	230	103	112	..	33	152	95	28	554	3864	4	$6187 00	$22078 00	216	101	

CHAS. S. WIEAND, Stated Clerk.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Commun'ts.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconf'd.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-Schools.	S. S. STATISTICS. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. M. Wolf, D.D.	Pr. S. Mills, Ac'y.	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	..	Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.
W. W. Clouser	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	..	White Deer, Union Co. Pa.
W. A. Haas	Selinsgrove	6	448	422	383	31	4	27	2	12	..	7	5	2	6	27	410	..	$315 00	$1500 00	10	25	Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
W. A. Black	Boalsburg	4	462	402	193	27	2	20	23	13	..	5	5	3	3	44	190	..	304 00	983 00	24	38	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
A. A. Kohler	New Berlin	5	378	358	218	24	1	23	1	3	..	..	25	10	3	30	398	..	264 00	1677 00	10	26	New Berlin, Union Co. Pa.
S. W. Brown	Aaronsburg	5	336	307	183	12	3	21	13	1	..	..	7	1	..	....	....	..	346 57	1042 00	27	74	Aaronsburg, Centre Co. Pa.
F. Tilghman Derr	Lock Haven	2	275	220	150	9	2	10	4	4	..	13	2	2	1	28	230	..	192 00	1920 00	12	93	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
James M. Runkle	Williamsport	1	280	204	109	5	..	...	7	6	..	2	7	0	1	22	166	..	210 00	1259 00	15	160	Williamsport, 711 Packer St., Pa.
John L. Barnhart	White Deer	3	370	328	185	33	3	22	7	10	..	1	6	1	3	62	363	1	290 00	855 00	25	30	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.
Thomas L. Bickel	Bellefonte	2	293	224	70	12	..	9	11	7	..	2	3	1	2	15	120	..	619 59	3646 96	24	60	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
M. W. Schweitzer	Susquehanna	2	126	98	65	3	..	...	10	2	..	..	5	5	2	14	160	..	64 00	533 81	10	20	Montgomery, Lycom. Co., Pa.
H. H. Spahn	Beaver Springs	5	650	601	185	48	1	47	16	5	..	..	29	4	5	75	503	..	591 44	1150 00	25	50	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.
E. E. Correll	Liverpool	7	262	273	170	21	4	25	2	1	..	..	4	3	7	41	116	1	70 01	650 00	14	7	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.
*C. W. Kerchner	Centre Hall	4	367	308	180	14	2	14	14	13	..	..	5	1	4	36	267	1	390 00	1036 00	25	51	Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.
George I. Crow	Nittany Valley	5	354	340	175	12	..	6	6	12	..	6	8	2	5	59	321	1	310 00	1225 00	24	75	Hublersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Harvey Hoy	Missionary to China	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	..	
W. E. Wetzel	Rebersburg	5	369	335	167	21	..	22	12	5	..	..	6	....	5	64	436	2	200 00	720 00	30	100	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.
†Frank Otis Spessard, Ph.D.	Mifflinburg	1	310	280	150	8	..	...	4	17	..	..	6	....	1	27	217	1	305 00	1985 00	18	140	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
‡R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Lewisburg	1	198	97	102	5	..	...	....	11	..	..	7	....	1	22	178	..	98 40	867 00	15	...	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
§R. Vacant	Buffalo Valley	3	145	120	60	...	..	4	7	...	..	..	2	....	3	21	....	1	65 00	368 00	15	20	Laurelton, Union Co., Pa.
	Total	61	5613	4900	2745	285	22	246	136	122	..	36	173	35	52	597	4075	8	$4696 01	$21448 58	323	969	

*Dismissed July 11th, 1900. †Received July 11th, 1900.
‡Received August 24th, 1900.
§Received August 24th, 1900.

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Elias D. Shoemaker	Without Charge																					2021 N. 18th St., Phila.
Joseph H. Hendricks, D.D.	Collegeville	2	412		6	31	37	12	356	12			18	3	68	394	3	$857	$1859	26	30	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
James Crawford, D.D.	Christ Church, Phila	1	192	40	1		1	11	160	1			3	1	12	75		1958	4000	12		1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Josiah D. Detrich	St. Luke's, North Wales	1	208	37	9	2	7	10	179	7			8	1	19	215		300	1400	9	13	Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.
John H. Sechler, D.D.	Prof. in Ursinus Sch. of Theo.																					3404 Powelton Ave., Phila.
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.	President of Ursinus College																					Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Uriah Weidner	Without Charge																					Montg'm'y Sq., Mont.Co., Pa.
David N. Dittmar	St. Paul's, Fort Washington	1	247	79	10	2	7	4	197				3	1	19	132		474	1529	12		Ft. Wash'gt' Mont.Co., Pa.
Charles H. Coon, D.D.	Trinity, Phila	1	545		28	12	34	21	420	2		11	8	1	53	432	2	1000	6900	25		1541 N. 7th St., Phila.
Jerome B. Henry	Trinity, Norristown	1	321	93	6	7	17	5	246	5			7	1	29	340		110	2250	10		Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Abram B. Stoner	Without Charge																					Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
David U. Wolff, D.D.	Boehm's	1	300	77	14	8	16	1	272	2		4	10	1	21	157	1	306	2348	16		Blue Bell, Mont. Co., Pa.
Henry F. Seiple	Without Charge																					258 S. 36th St., Phila.
Cyrus J. Musser	Editor of The Messenger																					1306 Arch St., Phila.
Rufus C. Zartman, D.D.	Heidelberg	1	790	175	20	4	24	26	680	27		50	14	1	52	973	2	1239	5584	15	200	1815 Oxford St., Phila.
Warren J. Johnson	Without Charge																					Lancaster Pa.
Henry A. Bomberger	Without Charge																					2112 N. 17th St., Phila.
Silas L. Messinger	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	279	37	1	2	4	2	208	5		2	4	1	26	154	1	743	3228	15	50	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Aaron Noll	Calvary	1	119	83	18	2	13	19	104	6		4	1	1	34	359		145	1885	9	14	2714 W. Lehigh Ave., Phila.
Wilson Delaney	Without Charge																					1605 S. 22nd St. Phila.
George H. Miller	Shenkel's	1	119	72	5	3	10	1	86			23	2	2	15	149		68	1042	10	30	Pottstown Pa.
Charles B. Alspach	Messiah	1	228	131	13	2	10	15	167	15		12	2	1	32	329	1	229	2520	12	17	2133 S. 13th St., Phila.
Albert S. Bromer	Grace	1	543	211	22	9	38	25	501	11		10	10	1	34	651	1	544	4572	15		936 Lehigh Ave. Phila.
H. E. Rauch	Without Charge																					Slatington Pa.
O. Charles H. Brandt	St. John's, Phoenixville	1	175		1		4	2	125	5		11		1	23	125		95	1362	12		Phoenixville, Pa.
Parley E. Zartman	Bethel	1	38		3	1	2		39	1			1	1	7	60	1		562	12		2218 Morris St., Phila.
Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., supply	St. Peter's, Pikeland	1	46	6		2	5	1	38					1	10	37		8	382	7		Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Edward F. Wiest	First Church, Phila	1	240	45	4	6	16	26	218	7		12	10	1	26	262	1	767	2824	12		1206 Wallace St., Phila.
Harry E. Jones	Palatinate	1	72	11	7	3	6	35	66			11	2	1	16	99		11	1700	9	9	5810 Master St., Phila.
Elwood W. Middleton	Tioga	1	149	62	5	4	15	12	120	2		4		1	30	220		127	2028	12	28	3122 N. Camac St., Phila.
Emmet C. Sult	St. Matthew's	2	245	49		7	10	4	189	3		2	3	2	41	251		142	2906	16		Anselma, Chester Co., Pa.
Harry W. Bright	Ascension	1	296	95	10	2	15	7	260	1		21	10	1	41	296		495	2529	15	40	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Benoni Bates	Christ Church, Norristown	1	137	68	4		1	7	125	1			1	1	28	245		192	2541	9	8	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
J. M. S. Isenberg, B.D.	First Church, Spring City	1	340	48	9	4	10	17	290	4		4	5	1	40	395		5528	3000	13	50	Spring City, Ches. Co., Pa.
J. Hunter Watts	Pleasantville	1	281	95	9	16	32	7	252	5	1	10	7	1	20	190	1	229	3244	9		Eureka, Mont. Co., Pa.
Howard H. Long	St. Vincent	1	131	42	7	1	6	4	105	2		3	4	1	22	130		105	1156	12	50	Spring City, Ches. Co., Pa.
Howard H. Long, supply	Linfield	1	36						22					1	22	81				6	2	
William Royer	Brownback's	2	250		2	1	2	2	185	2			6	2	34	276	1	105	1146	16	12	Slonaker, Chester Co., Pa.
G. Gerhard	St. John's, Phila	1	270	125	10	3	15	46	208	8		1	8	1	24	233		150	3000	15		739 N. 40th St., Phila.
Glase Millison	Without Charge																					Station W., Philada.
A. N. B. Jorris	Without Charge																					1230 N. 6th St., Phila.
Walter Virag	Hung'n Ref. Ch., Trenton, N.J.	1	150	15	15		1		110	4			4	1		17			849			239 AdalineSt., Trenton, N.J.
Stephen O. Reagle	Bethany Tabernacle.	1	118	45	5		1	4	97	2				1	22	264		90	1992	13	25	2411 N. 20th St., Phila.

LEHIGH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS. Congregations.	Communicant.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. J. Herman	Zion's	4	295	200	100	30	..	10	...	4	..	...	20	....	4	....	....	..	397 65	$1500 00	20	...	Maxatawny, Pa.
W. R. Hufford, D.D.	Egypt	4	1150	920	500	58	..	70	15	25	..	...	18	13	8	25	145	..	557 00	2813 00	24	...	Allentown, Pa.
Abr. Bartholomew	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Lehighton, Pa.
E. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	950	841	500	40	..	30	5	10	..	...	31	....	..	....	....	2	361 07	1000 00	..	...	Fogelsville, Pa.
S. G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's	1	744	818	216	9	..	14	21	7	..	...	6	2	1	70	406	..	1392 00	3240 00	20	60	Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Lenhartsville, Pa.
Fritzinger	Disabled	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Allentown, Pa.
J. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Supt. Schools of Pa.	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Lancaster, Pa.
N. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	580	535	400	81	..	36	...	..	..	...	25	7	7	40	420	2	169 00	1200 00	..	...	Lynnport, Pa.
J. W. Helffrich	Ziegel's	5	1000	900	600	75	..	80	...	40	..	...	60	....	..	....	....	5	800 00	1200 00	5	...	Allentown, Pa.
N. H. Diefenderfer	Christ, Allentown	1	315	168	185	30	1	19	10	6	..	30	5	4	1	35	365	..	92 00	1000 00	18	...	Allentown, Pa.
M. F. Peters	Slatington	1	580	360	260	48	..	27	35	10	..	20	11	13	1	36	474	1	300 00	2400 00	20	90	Slatington, Pa.
N. C. J. Kurtz	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Reading, Pa.
J. D. Kurtz	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Allentown, Pa.
H. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. and M. College	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Lancaster, Pa.
C. H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	4	810	689	435	39	1	36	...	4	..	...	28	9	4	....	....	..	283 00	1525 00	24	...	Fleetwood, Pa.
M. Tobias Kessler	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Allentown, Pa.
George W. Richards	Prof. Theo. Seminary	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Lancaster, Pa.
J. J. Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	861	740	320	32	5	28	34	12	..	17	19	16	1	49	700	1	3770 00	7885 00	20	...	Allentown, Pa.
T. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Kutztown, Pa.
W. W. Knappenberger	Pres. Wom. Col., Allent'n.	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Allentown, Pa.
J. D. Smith	Maxatawny	4	835	705	350	28	..	5	8	4	..	...	10	7	5	45	395	2	255 00	3100 00	20	...	Kutztown, Pa.
G. Thomas N. Reber	Mahoning	3	535	274	317	11	..	15	...	6	..	...	4	3	10	....	....	1	148 33	700 00	16	...	Sittler, Pa.
Elmer N. Leinbach	Kutztown	2	412	335	162	12	..	16	1	...	..	...	11	3	1	25	185	1	84 86	1087 43	18	...	Kutztown, Pa.
Thomas W Dickert	Solomon's	1	305	279	148	22	..	10	17	3	..	1	3	1	1	22	259	..	202 39	1122 34	10	40	Macungie, Pa.
D. J. Rohrbaugh	Trinity	1	250	168	170	12	..	15	44	3	..	...	3	1	1	29	361	..	7 45	1195 00	7	...	Allentown, Pa.
L. E. Schoedler	Grace	1	64	60	25	5	..	7	4	...	..	16	1	....	1	21	265	..	59 00	759 00	8	6	Allentown, Pa.
David A. Winter	Zion's, Lehighton	1	671	426	440	14	..	27	41	33	..	...	3	7	1	39	842	..	864 00	1267 00	12	63	Lehighton, Pa.
Vacant	Lenhartsville	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	
T. N. Reber, Supply	West Penn	2	400	310	275	22	..	54	...	3	..	...	7	2	3	....	....	..	69 78	870 00	12	...	Sittler, Pa.
E. J. Laros	Emanuel's, Lansford	1	201	157	125	21	..	27	29	...	..	...	2	1	1	36	204	..	45 23	1560 00	12	20	Lansford, Pa.
O. R. Frantz	St. Paul's, Summit Hill	1	115	88	86	9	1	3	1	...	..	...	....	....	2	19	160	..	59 00	517 00	8	...	Summit Hill, Pa.
F. W. Helfrich, Supply	Frieden's	1	175	130	....	8	..	20	...	...	..	...	5	....	..	....	....	..	40 00	150 00	...	...	Allentown, Pa.
Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Salem	1	1353	1234	850	45	1	82	83	23	..	34	18	14	1	66	2010	..	3600 00	5237 00	30	...	Allentown, Pa.
J. P. Bachman	Salisbury	3	659	400	350	35	1	20	29	9	..	...	16	6	3	....	....	..	300 00	1200 00	18	18	Allentown, Pa.
Anson S. Hartzel	Christ, Parkerton	1	65	31	65	10	..	1	7	...	..	...	....	....	1	10	127	..	3 30	230 00	9	6	Parkerton, Pa.
Robert M. Kern	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Neff's Pa.
Morris E. Schadt	Licentiate	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	...	Schadt's, Pa.
	Total	52	13326	10988	6979	696	10	652	284	202	..	113	208	109	58	567	7318	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Officers and Teachers.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Henry Leisse	Bethany	3	398	320	190	23	..	17	...	5	..	...	7	....	3	19	150	..	$ 145 00	$ 1050 00	12	...	Orwigsburg, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	Trinity, Tamaqua	1	300	227	200	38	..	20	...	4	..	2	6	7	1	25	200	..	110 00	1450 00	10	...	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	New Jerusalem	4	778	611	409	49	1	37	16	11	..	...	18	7	..	....	....	..	495 00	3700 00	20	...	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunck	St. John's, Schuylkill Haven	1	390	350	182	19	..	35	20	2	..	22	6	6	1	38	362	..	540 00	2200 00	12	70	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
H. A. Frantz	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Allentown, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	St. Mark's	1	273	190	150	27	..	15	6	8	..	...	3	4	1	41	300	..	145 00	1601 00	8	75	Cressona, Pa.
T. J. Bower	Frackville charge	2	158	137	90	14	1	8	5	14	..	8	3	4	2	6	....	..	72 00	1362 00	12	...	Frackville, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	Without charge	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Pottsville, Pa.
C. D. Yost	Principal of High School	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Mahanoy City, Pa.
E. S. Noll	Pinegrove	3	414	376	468	84	1	27	12	11	..	15	9	6	3	41	387	..	125 00	1400 00	12	75	Pinegrove, Pa.
I. F. Wagner	Minersville-St. Clair	2	231	158	150	19	1	22	15	5	..	23	2	3	2	7	225	..	86 00	1300 00	18	100	Minersville, Pa.
W. D. Stoyer	Tremont	4	391	296	300	36	4	18	14	19	..	...	5	11	4	53	410	..	87 00	2800 00	24	...	Tremont, Pa.
Geo. W. Hartman	Orwigsburg	2	313	224	90	16	4	18	10	5	..	...	5	1	2	25	308	..	233 00	1481 00	12	95	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Z. A. Yearick	Shenandoah	1	387	224	272	25	..	22	23	5	..	48	5	5	1	28	270	..	132 00	1787 00	20	20	Shenandoah, Pa.
S. L. Whitmore	Trinity, Pottsville	1	550	410	385	26	1	43	17	17	..	13	5	5	1	39	450	..	518 00	2741 00	20	175	Pottsville, Pa.
Morgan Peters	First Church, Pottsville	1	240	210	160	10	..	16	3	5	..	50	10	4	1	24	146	..	37 00	960 00	13	20	Pottsville, Pa.
A. Lobach	St. John's, Tamaqua	2	220	136	250	3	..	...	...	...	..	...	3	1	2	16	225	..	48 00	737 00	10	20	Tamaqua, Pa.
J. G. Kerschner	St. Paul's	1	800	750	430	38	1	73	1	10	..	...	20	29	1	55	500	..	336 00	2012 00	12	60	Mahanoy City, Pa.
*Geo. W. Gerhard	Supply, Port Clinton	1	50	35	60	6	..	11	...	4	..	...	....	....	1	13	80	..	20 00	160 00	6	10	Hamburg, Pa.
*J. J. Fisher	Supply, Christ Church	1	160	110	100	9	..	23	...	10	..	...	5	....	2	12	80	..	29 50	15 00	1	...	Tamaqua, Pa.
*J. J. Fisher	Supply, Peter's	1	40	36	30	3	..	16	...	...	..	...	1	1	2	10	16	..	3 00	700 00	...	...	Tamaqua, Pa.
*J. J. Fisher	Supply, Zion's	1	50	42	20	1	..	4	...	1	..	...	....	2	1	5	25	..	8 50	104 00	...	...	Tamaqua, Pa.
*T. J. Bower	St. Luke's	1	25	15	25	1	..	...	...	2	..	...	....	....	..	....	64	..	.....	.....	...	...	Frackville, Pa.
Ministers, 23.	Total	33	6168	4862	3961	465	14	425	152	138	..	181	115	83	30	457	4164	..	$3199 00	$26954 00	213	650	

*Supply. G. W. Gerhard is a member of Reading Classis.

WM. D. STOYER, Stated Clerk.

WYOMING CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Communed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	S. S. STATISTICS. Sunday-Schools.	S. S. STATISTICS. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Scholars.	S. S. STATISTICS. Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. Houtz	Orangeville	4	285	271	75	11	5	7	7	12	..	6	3	3	4	66	287	..	$ 245 00	$ 845 00	8	25	Orangeville, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D.	Weatherly	3	325	196	250	41	..	40	12	149	..	20	8	7	1	21	315	..	165 00	1800 00	12	40	Weatherly, Pa.
G. S. Sorber	Watsontown	2	338	275	123	11	3	16	17	12	..	11	2	1	2	44	230	..	240 00	1012 00	16	37	Watsontown, Pa.
D. W. Ebbert, D.D.	Milton	1	406	284	164	7	3	9	12	4	..	4	10	....	1	34	251	1	353 59	2352 49	12	68	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	York, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	Nanticoke	1	116	116	140	14	..	9	2	....	..	52	....	....	1	23	90	..	122 00	618 00	6	5	Nanticoke, Pa.
S. C. Meckel	Retired	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
C. H. Herbst	West Hazleton	1	185	148	140	41	..	12	10	6	..	9	5	7	1	46	225	..	120 00	1325 00	10	40	West Hazleton, Pa.
W. D. Happel	Zion's, Wilkes-Barre	1	362	265	285	19	5	27	20	7	..	32	4	4	1	32	246	..	260 00	2743 00	10	65	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Jerseytown, Pa.
S. E. Stoffiet	Emanuel's, Hazleton	1	350	240	150	22	1	20	24	16	..	2	1	3	1	31	293	..	436 57	2052 67	15	40	Hazleton, Pa.
W. H. Loose	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Selinsgrove, Pa.
A. H. Herbst	Wapwallopen	6	416	304	307	22	1	32	...	3	..	2	9	3	6	76	408	..	148 00	1135 00	32	...	Wapwallopen, Pa.
J. W. Bell	Emmanuel's	2	266	238	138	9	1	7	10	8	..	8	5	1	2	31	283	..	210 00	1103 00	15	...	Strawberry Ridge, Pa.
T. P. Bolliger	St. Luke's, N. W.-Barre.	1	123	95	131	11	..	11	12	4	..	5	1	2	1	12	120	..	67 00	670 00	9	27	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
J. B. Kerschner	Freeland	2	410	290	320	41	..	18	11	6	..	8	7	3	2	40	345	..	258 22	1920 00	15	40	Freeland, Pa.
Wm. Toennes	Grace, Hazleton	1	418	254	356	44	..	25	11	7	..	5	16	7	1	44	380	..	259 00	2918 00	8	...	267 N.Wyo'gSt, Haz'n,
J. W. Reinecke	St. John's	1	360	310	280	43	..	26	10	6	..	22	12	8	4	20	410	1	237 00	1200 00	12	25	St. John's, Pa.
W. J. Muir	Paradise	2	404	376	350	16	..	5	11	6	..	2	6	3	2	45	235	1	375 12	1156 37	12	46	Turbotville, Pa.
J. D. Thomas, Ph.D.	Bloomsburg	1	163	151	61	4	2	13	7	3	..	2	1	2	1	25	173	1	123 00	2821 00	7	25	Bloomsburg, Pa.
Chas. D. Lerch	Mausdale	2	190	150	50	9	8	13	6	10	..	9	6	2	2	36	118	..	104 14	965 81	12	8	Danville, Pa.,
M. L. Firor	Calvary	1	95	86	43	6	..	5	13	4	..	...	2	2	1	9	80	..	55 00	875 00	9	6	914 Pine St., Scranton,
Elias S. Noll	Fayette	1	107	72	35	11	3	3	2	2	..	3	5	....	1	9	85	..	42 00	910 00	6	6	Fayette, N. Y.
Geo. E. Limbert	Danville	1	275	194	140	7	..	...	13	7	..	14	4	1	1	26	235	1	248 00	1401 00	12	60	Danville, Pa.
P. H. Hoover	Overton	3	202	81	....	13	2	4	1	...	..	...	3	2	3	26	157	..	93 00	759 00	10	7	Dushore, Pa.
C. E. Correll	Conyngham	3	380	302	190	21	..	4	26	...	..	1	5	5	2	25	225	..	185 00	800 00	10	...	Conyngham, Pa.
A. Houtz, Supply	Briar Creek	1	30	23	14	4	..	...	...	5	..	4	....	....	..	....	....	..	23 00	70 00	2	6	Orangeville, Pa.
Vacant	*Plymouth	1	102	75	62	15	..	8	2	8	1	2	4	6	1	10	92	..	41 00	480 00	3	12	Plymouth, Pa.
W. J. Muir, Supply	St. John's Cong	1	77	69	63	2	..	7	2	...	..	...	3	....	1	19	125	..	40 22	143 31	4	10	Turbotville, Pa.
Lic. E. C. Musselman		..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	Overton, Pa.
J. W. Albertson†		..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	....	....	St. John's, Pa.
Ministers, 26; Licentiates, 2.	Total	44	6385	4865	3867	444	34	322	235	285	1	221	122	72	43	760	5407	5	$4451 52	$32084 97	267	578	

*Attached, July 30, 1900, to the North Wilkes-Barre Charge.
†Dismissed, Aug. 27, 1900, to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

C. H. HERBST, Stated Clerk.

READING CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	MEMBERS. Communicants.	MEMBERS. Confirmed.	MEMBERS. Unconfirmed.	ADDITIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certif. or Re-Prof.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	LOSSES. Excommunicated.	LOSSES. Erasure of Names.	LOSSES. Deaths, Communicants.	LOSSES. Deaths, Unconfirmed.	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	S. S. STATISTICS. Officers & Teach'rs	S. S. STATISTICS. No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational poses.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
B. Bausman, D.D.	St. Paul's	1	775	680	300	16	3	37	26	7	..	19	10	5	1	59	517	..	$6770 00	$ 5231 00	13	...	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Mosser, D.D.	First Church, Reading	1	1095	1003	900	39	4	50	15	22	..	...	26	26	1	97	1038	..	2011 00	4714 00	16	...	611 Washing'n St., Reading.
J. W. Steinmetz, D.D.	St John's	1	450	336	400	32	..	23	7	4	..	10	7	5	1	50	460	..	280 00	2500 00	14	...	911 Chestnut St., Reading.
C. S. Gerhard, D.D.	St. Stephen's	1	702	574	425	30	2	36	45	16	..	37	6	5	1	64	736	..	425 00	11517 00	10	...	508 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	.....	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Reading, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Agt. for Ch. Record	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	New Berlin, Pa.
J. I. Good, D.D.	Calvary	1	350	325	142	8	3	25	22	5	..	...	2	....	1	40	550	1	453 00	4639 00	12	...	212 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs	St. Andrews	1	580	490	400	14	4	55	46	8	..	21	6	....	1	75	587	..	500 00	2000 00	9	150	Reading, Pa.
S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.	Second Ch., Reading	1	692	580	300	17	..	12	26	8	..	10	7	.. 2	1	52	598	2	5150 00	5561 00	16	70	228 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein	St. Thomas	1	275	240	245	41	2	17	25	15	..	19	5	7	1	50	335	..	90 00	1272 00	8	...	851 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.
H. K. Miller	Missionary	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Japan.
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	2	253	212	153	25	1	11	25	3	..	16	1	1	2	54	563	..	102 00	1680 00	12	...	152 Walnut St., Reading, Pa.
G. W. Gerhard	First Ch., Hamburg	1	360	340	200	39	..	21	8	10	..	1	6	4	1	39	....	..	140 00	7200 00	9	45	Hamburg, Pa.
D. P. Lefever	.....	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	Reading, Pa.
D. W. Miller	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board	..	....	....	....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	...	312 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
R. R. Brown	Schwarzwald	1	646	515	275	27	1	54	8	1	..	25	4	3	5	100	400	..	1090 00	1040 00	12	75	Esterly, Pa.
J. A. Danner	Alsace	3	800	765	360	57	1	39	14	4	..	...	29	9	2	14	175	..	162 00	5250 00	6	60	1104 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
J. L. Herbein	Spies	1	450	355	372	31	..	46	...	5	..	...	16	7	3	36	320	..	33 25	625 00	5	28	1820 PerkiomenAv., Reading
M. E. Schaeffer	Leesport charge	4	503	447	198	17	..	32	12	6	..	...	20	5	4	107	828	..	195 00	1117 00	14	...	West Leesport, Pa.
D. E. Schaeffer	St. Mark's	1	576	470	375	45	4	60	55	7	..	...	6	3	1	92	883	..	356 00	2770 00	10	200	201 W. Oley St., Reading, Pa.
C. L. Herbein, Suppl	Trinity	1	90	75	52	3	..	12	9	...	..	...	1	....	1	15	92	..	23 75	645 00	4	6	
M. A. Kieffer	Olivet	1	95	90	81	9	1	9	12	...	..	3	3	1	1	30	137	..	48 00	1007 00	9	...	1722 CenterAv., Reading, Pa.
M.	Total	23	8690	7467	5178	450	26	519	355	121	..	161	155	..93	28	974	7319	3	$17829 00	$58768 00	179	634	

Rev. Chas. E. Cr[illegible] received Oct. 8, 1900. Asst. pastor in St. Paul's church, Reading, Pa.

F. B. HAHN, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR A. D. 1900.

				MEMBERS			ADDITIONS				LOSSES					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				CONTRIBUTIONS	
	Classes	Ministers	Congregations.	Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names	Deaths Communicants	Deaths Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes
East Penna.....	..	33	54	11264	8696	5946	626	22	600	476	155	4	133	228	117	76	1155	9513	9	$ 7402	$ 47183
Lebanon	..	21	50	10627	9335	5372	528	46	468	158	194	..	204	235	109	62	817	5913	6	5422	44374
Philadelphia	..	43	35	7423	6096	1806	248	134	355	327	145	1	195	102	51	37	847	7713	15	16103	73600
Lancaster	..	41	51	7364	5632	31[illegible]	309	169	436	321	153	..	63	103	82	45	915	6744	11	6818	29405
E. Susquehanna	..	24	54	6167	5115	4130	564	10	351	180	72	..	164	115	98	59	637	4872	4	4331	21610
W. Susquehanna....	..	19	61	5613	4900	2745	285	22	246	136	122	..	36	133	35	52	597	4075	8	4695	21449
Tohickon	..	20	39	8300	6866	4096	325	53	260	226	131	..	187	54	67	51	647	5321	3	7069	28403
Goshenhoppen	..	13	27	7147	6015	3666	366	35	230	103	112	..	33	152	95	28	554	3864	4	6187	22078
Lehigh	..	34	52	13325	10868	6979	696	10	652	384	202	..	118	306	109	58	567	7318	15	13560	42758
Schuylkill	..	18	33	6168	4862	3961	465	14	425	152	138	..	181	115	83	30	457	4164	...	3199	26954
Wyoming	..	26	44	6385	4865	3867	444	34	322	235	285	1	221	122	72	43	760	5407	5	4451	32085
Reading	..	21	23	8690	7467	5178	450	26	519	355	121	..	161	155	83	28	974	7319	3	17829	58768
Eastern Synod, Total.	12	313	523	98473	80717	50923	5306	575	4864	3053	1830	6	1696	1820	1001	569	8927	72203	83	97068	448466
Ohio Synod.....	6	138	232	25017	20365	6327	762	550	1364	1067	549	1	825	354	111	222	3468	23528	28	23773	126551
Ger. Synod of N. W..	11	165	205	22238	15396	14306	1684	26	1069	804	247	4	592	365	146	185	1469	13214	25	17715	104169
Pittsburgh Synod...	5	80	148	18870	15709	10196	947	127	719	668	390	..	312	278	116	128	1642	11976	10	33059	100220
Potomac Synod.....	8	164	306	39107	32213	21475	1731	291	1567	975	708	1	486	631	307	260	4052	30144	38	42514	198412
Ger. Synod of East..	5	66	57	15266	10476	12022	1929	21	840	733	93	1	434	322	60	59	1184	11942	10	9113	95542
Central Synod.....	5	96	121	21309	15472	12302	1305	57	983	687	237	7	913	233	111	111	1578	13139	22	16882	85810
Synod of Interior...	5	60	68	3265	2712	1475	143	51	144	177	115	2	161	38	9	61	701	4080	6	5042	30668
T't'l, 8 Sy'ds, 1900.	57	1082	1660	243545	193060	129026	13807	1698	11550	8164	4169	22	5419	4041	1861	1595	23021	180196	222	$245166	$1189838
T't'l, 8 Sy'ds, 1899.	57	1079	1677	240130	193287	126355	13290	1437	10346	7071	3731	16	4900	4107	1962	....	.....	.....	267	205501	1144737

The number of officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools of the Eastern Synod, as given in statistics of the Sunday-School Board, is 10,839, and the number of scholars 77,684. See Art. XVIII., On Sunday-Schools.

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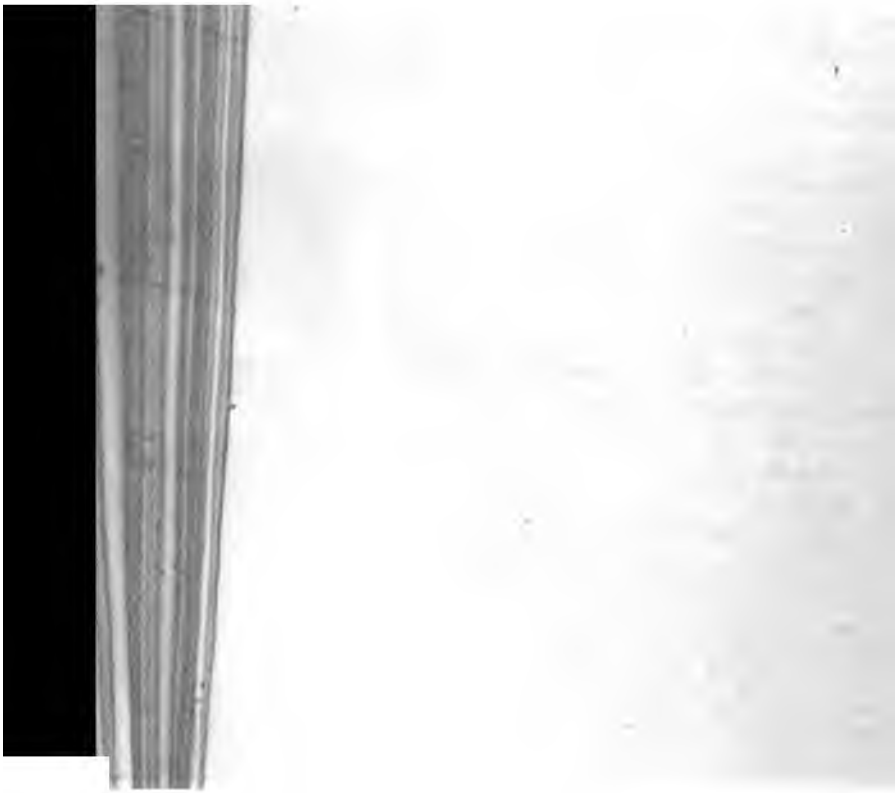
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